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\$300M price tag. City to move into Katz tower

The city will move 2,000 staff into a new 27-storey office tower on the corner of 104 Avenue and 101 Street in 2016, built by the Katz Group and WAM developments.

The team was the winning bidder in a process the city started last year and they plan to start construction soon on the tower, which is expected to cost more than \$300 million.

Garry Klassen, the city's general manager of sustainable development, said the winning bid was the result of an open competition monitored by fairness advisers.

"That competition has an outcome and that outcome today was the best deal," he said.



An artist's rendering of what the new tower will look like. COURTESY CITY OF EDMONTON

Klassen noted the initial five-year lease at \$25 per square foot was the most financially competitive, adding currently city staff are spread out in a way that is bad for productivity. "We have our staff across nine different

buildings across the downtown right now," he said.

Darren Durstling, president of WAM, said while the project stands on its own merits, the arena helps make it possible by driving investment and excitement downtown.

"It's the catalyst for this development and everything that's going on around it," he said. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO



Alberta organized crime investigators cracked down on four Edmonton and area homes Jan. 30, arresting an alleged full-patched Hells Angels member. LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

Authorities crack down on outlaw motorcycle gangs

Cocaine trafficking. Suspected Hells Angels member arrested in Edmonton sting

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Alberta organized crime investigators have arrested an alleged full-patch Hells Angels member, along with nine others, following a three-month investigation to crack down on cocaine trafficking in Edmonton.

Blake Christie, 32, was the focus of the investigation launched in October by

a special section Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) devoted to outlaw motorcycle gangs, which drastically increased over the last five years.

"Back in 2009, we had three (outlaw motorcycle gang) clubs in Alberta," said Combined Forces Special Enforcement Units Insp. Darcy Strang. "We now have 23 (clubs) in Alberta."

Arrested at a north Edmonton home on Jan. 30, Christie is now facing 11 charges, including possession of a loaded prohibited firearm, possession of an offensive weapon, three counts of possession of drugs and two counts of possession of an identity document.

Along with the north-end bust, officers searched three

other homes: two in Edmonton and one in St. Albert.

At one of the homes, officers discovered a Hells Angels MC vest containing illegal drugs, two rifles and loaded handgun with ammunition and other gun parts, four body armour vests, a functional police scanner, 350 grams of cocaine, oxycodone pills, two false driver's licences and \$23,000 in cash.

Strang said the evidence confiscated at the houses show the organized groups in the city take their business seriously.

"Alberta is profit rich for crime, unfortunately," he added, noting that organized crime groups don't have to get along to be business partners.

Details

- Warrants have also been issued for Terri Huebner, 31, and Kendra Christie, 33, who face six charges in relation to the investigation.
- Along with Christie, Kelly Kratky, 29, Denise Measor, 26, Melvin Kratky, 26, Paula House, 39, Zanah Palani, 23, Hiwa Palani, 26, and Tamara Clarke, 28, were arrested in the sting and are now facing a combined 28 charges.
- The investigation is still ongoing.



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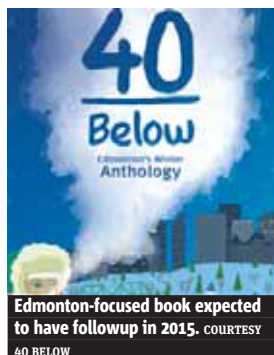
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Cool read. Second 40 Below book coming in 2015

Local author Jason Norman is searching for more stories for a followup novel about what it's like to live in an Alberta winter.

In his first book, *40 Below: Edmonton's Winter Anthology*, Edmontonians submitted stories and artwork on what they love about winter in the city, but for his followup book he wants all of Alberta to participate. "In the first anthology, the message was what it's like to have winter in the city. In this one, the message is not so specific," said Norman.

40 Below has over 70 pieces by 50 Edmonton and area writers on its pages. It was so popular that a local publisher is now doing a second printing of the book. The local writer has already received submissions from Albertans while compiling his first book, which is why he's confident the second



Edmonton-focused book expected to have followup in 2015. COURTESY 40 BELOW

book will resonate with all of Alberta.

"If you're going to do a sequel, it should be bigger," he said.

The second *40 Below* book (title pending) is set to publish in November 2015. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

Yellowhead Trail

Driver injured after colliding with semi-truck

Edmonton police responded to a serious collision Wednesday night, after a Honda Civic collided into the back of a semi-truck.

The collision occurred at approximately 11:30 p.m. Wednesday on Yellowhead Trail, causing the 19-year-old driver to be thrown from his seat and partially through the windshield of the Civic.

Police believe alcohol and speed were factors in the collision.

The driver is in stable but critical condition.

METRO STAFF

March 6

Budget coming

The Alberta government will bring down its 2014-15 budget on March 6. Finance Minister Doug Horner has said he expects a better bottom line this year.

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Our Lady of the Prairies

Correction

A story on modular classrooms Thursday incorrectly stated why Our Lady of the Prairies school expects high demand next year. The school is seeing demand for its French immersion and ESL programs, not growth in daycare.



A crosswalk patrol stands guard near Westbrook Elementary School. LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

Keeping school zones safe

Safety falters. Police shocked at the number of traffic violations in school zones

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Every day after school, Westbrook Elementary School principal Shauna Paul puts on a bright orange reflective vest and heads outside.

Along with parent volun-

teers, Paul has made it her mission to ensure students are able to cross the street in one piece as traffic volume in the area increases and safety falters.

"Five years ago, we weren't out here," said Paul. "Over the years, as we have tried different strategies, we're now of the belief that it's about presence — it's about being visible so we can ensure student safety."

Like the school's principal, Edmonton police's Const. Andre Paul has also witnessed

By the numbers

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The number of schools in the southwest side of the city, making it the busiest place for traffic in school zones.

a dramatic increase in the number of traffic violations happening near schools and school zones, just like Westbrook.

"Roughly 60 per cent of all motorists that were attending

the schools are disobeying basic traffic laws," he said, noting the violations are not just motorists, but pedestrians as well.

Between Oct. 30 and Nov. 19 last year, police recorded 800 traffic infractions in and around nine schools zones on the south side of the city, including jaywalking, distracted driving, failing to come to a complete stop and failing to stop for pedestrians.

They're now working to raise awareness, in hopes of cutting that number back.

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RCMP: Father, daughter found in burned-out house were murdered

Mounties believe the deaths of three family members in central Alberta were homicides.

The remains of Gordon Klaus, 61, and his daughter Monica Klaus, 40, were found in December in the rubble of their burned-out farmhouse near Castor, a small town east of Red Deer.

The man's wife, 62-year-old Sandra Klaus, has not been located, but RCMP suspect she was also killed.

"Our investigators are most certain that she was a victim of a homicide as well," RCMP spokeswoman Sgt. Josee Valiquette said at a news conference Thursday.

It's possible the woman's body could have been destroyed in the fire, she said. Investigators have determined the blaze was deliberately set, although they're not revealing how it started.

Emergency responders found the family's dog shot dead outside the home.

On Dec. 11, three days after the fire, police found the family's white GMC Sierra truck abandoned about 30 kilometres away.

Valiquette said officers are seeking help from anyone who may have seen the pickup truck on the night of Dec. 8.

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LET'S JUST LIGHT THE BRIDGE AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS



FOOTNOTES
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When ATB president Dave Mowat first pitched lighting the High Level Bridge in October 2012, his idea was cheered and swiftly embraced by virtually everyone in the room.

Of course, it was at Pecha Kucha — a semi-seasonal lecture series that attracts civic-minded people pre-whetted for novel thinking. You'd have to pitch full-scale nuclear war to rouse boos.

Yet this idea had legs. Instead of evaporating, it formed into Light the Bridge, a campaign crowdsourcing \$2.5 million to illuminate the iconic bridge with tens of thousands of programmable LED lights. It became a cornerstone of Make Something Edmonton's launch, potentially proving or disproving the optimistic notion that in

giant hologram of SCTV's Count Floyd.

Floyd the Bridge even parodies the very words I narrated ("turn the bridge into a signature written in light for a confused populace") and mocks another ongoing campaign I've worked on: to build a monument for the Edmonton-made '80s television show. Ouch.

The criticisms have forced me to momentarily dim the glow Mowat's pitch first gave me, and ponder what Light the Bridge is actually trying to achieve. Why did I initially get involved and why did I donate hundreds of dollars? Until recently, I'd forgotten.

I bought five \$25 bulbs because I know how dark and empty Edmonton's core can feel most nights and because its programmable hues could tell a small colourful story each time it's crossed or viewed, depending on the occasion. Instead of mindlessly

Give it a chance

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Though the concept drawings were clearly artificial, it captured my imagination. I, too, wanted to dab the night with colour, so I helped by narrating the campaign video that over a year found about 7,500 others just like me.

But now that the fundraising is almost complete (just \$120,500 shy of the goal) and the bulbs have been purchased in time for Canada Day, the tenor is changing.

Critics previously unheard, perhaps ignored, are turning it up a few decibels and loudly calling the plan everything from tacky to hollow boosterism.

My friend and Edmonton Journal arts critic Fish Griwowsky wisely likened it to graffiti with no recourse in a recent opinion piece, while an anonymous blogger wrote a brilliant satire about a fake campaign to adorn the bridge with a

zooming over the river at night, this might bring the experience out of our subconscious.

And I bought those bulbs in the names of my nieces and nephews, so I could walk them across the bridge and show them the light they inspired. Maybe it will spark something in them too — a sense of attachment or ownership. Instead of the passive feeling of merely existing in Edmonton that I used to have, they might instead feel some belonging.

Or maybe it will embarrass instead of awe. It's too soon to know how it will look, what stories it will tell or how artists will experiment with it. If it's hideous, there actually is recourse: We take down the lights or just turn them off.

But what if it inspires wonder or just plain warmth instead? What if lighting the bridge makes people appreciate the bridge, river valley and city a little more? It's a chance worth taking.

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Price tag. Redford kept in the dark on cheaper South Africa trip options: Staff

Confusion and finger-pointing over Premier Alison Redford's \$45,000 trip to Nelson Mandela's funeral continued Thursday as her office suggested bureaucrats kept her staff in the dark about cheaper flight options.

Part of the \$45,000 bill included a cross-country trip on an Alberta government plane to Ottawa, so that Redford could meet Prime Minister Stephen Harper's delegation heading to South Africa.

Redford's office said ear-

lier this week the premier had to take the government plane because there were no commercial flights available.

But the Opposition Wildrose party noted Thursday that Air Canada had a flight landing in Ottawa about two hours before Redford had to be on the tarmac with Harper.

An Air Canada spokeswoman confirmed there were open seats on that flight, which involved a trip from Calgary to Winnipeg and then from Winnipeg to Ottawa.

Redford's spokeswoman, Neala Barton, said in an email that the premier's office was given two flight options from bureaucrats in the International and Intergovernmental Relations Department, but neither could guarantee Redford would arrive in Ottawa on time.

"As a result, the decision was made to take the government plane," Barton wrote. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Premier Alison Redford
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Helios nudist association, located near Tofield, is home to some Edmontonians and others who prefer to be without clothing. COURTESY HELIOS

Edmontonians let it all hang out

In the buff. Nudist association encourages a 'family-friendly' site



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It was 10 years after first hearing about Helios — a nudist association just outside of Edmonton — that Mike asked his wife to join.

"OK, let's go," she said with-

out hesitation, Mike recalls.

Since becoming members in 2008, the Edmonton couple sold their home to live at the nudist camp in the summer. In the winter, they live with their daughter.

"We absolutely love it. (We love) to be able to live the lifestyle that we enjoy of the nudist. We can be out there clothing-free," said Mike, who didn't want his last name used. "Nude when possible, clothed when practical."

With about 200 members, the Helios site near Tofield is

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Memberships for couples with Helios is \$500 per year.

like the average campground, with developed camping lots and amenities like a pool, playground and clubhouse, except that everyone is in the buff. Members have to go through an extensive screening process before they are accepted to make sure "they are there for

the right reasons," said the Edmontonian nudist.

Being a nudist has its drawbacks in Edmonton though, thanks to six months of winter, but when May rolls along, Mike and his wife are some of the many who spend the summer months in the nude. Their children and grandchildren have also come out to visit the 40 acres of natural land that is Helios.

"If you enjoy being free and without clothing, it really is the place to be," said the 55-year-old naturalist.

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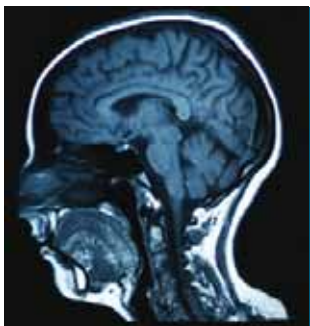
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Engineering academy

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University of Alberta president Indira V. Samarasekera was elected into the National Academy of Engineering on Thursday.

Being elected into the American organization is a high honour for engineers and Samarasekera said she was thrilled to be chosen.

"I am deeply honoured and truly humbled that an esteemed organization such as the National Academy of Engineering would recognize my work with such a rare distinction," said Samarasekera, internationally renowned as one of Canada's leading metallurgical engineers.

Samarasekera is one of only 29 Canadians who have been elected as foreign associates to the academy. **METRO**

Dreams of Olympic glory

Redford congratulates Alberta athletes

Premier Alison Redford wished the province's Olympic athletes success Thursday as the Games in Sochi prepare to get underway.

Alberta is second only to Ontario in the number of athletes it's sending to the Games and Redford said the

whole province would be behind them.

"I'm so excited to congratulate the 55 athletes from Alberta who are representing Canada at the Olympic Games in Sochi," said Redford in a statement. "I know the whole country will be cheering them on."

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Shannon Szabados, centre, holds up the NAIT Ooks championship trophy with fellow

Olympian was 'one of

A keeper. Edmonton goaltender known as dedicated athlete



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To Canadians, Shannon Szabados is known as the goaltender for Canada's Olympic Women's Hockey team in Sochi, but for some NAIT hockey players, she's known simply as "Mama Ook."

Playing for NAIT's Ooks

men's hockey team for two seasons plus a championship, Edmonton-native Szabados was a great asset to the university team on and off the ice.

"She played for us after the Olympics and she brought that experience. She knew what it took to win being on the big stage and being a goalie," said Liam Darragh, captain of the NAIT Ooks.

This will be the second time Szabados joins Canada's Olympic women's hockey team for the Sochi Olympics, after earning a gold medal during the Vancouver 2010 winter Olympic games.



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Szabados the guys'

Got what it takes

"She knew what it took to win being on the big stage and being a goalie."

Liam Darragh, captain of the NAIT Ooks

But playing hockey with women isn't something Szabados is used to.

With the exception of the Olympics, the goaltender has only ever played on boys' men's teams, something many observers say has helped her become the ath-

lete she is today.

"What drives her is to be the best goaltender she can be. She has a great competitive spirit," said Serge Lajoie, coach of NAIT Ooks.

As the only woman on the team, there were times when she would get negative comments from her competition, but she just "let it slide off her," said the coach.

"The coach's dressing room wasn't far from the boys' dressing room and I would hear her say, 'Coming in' every day. But she was one of the guys. You can't deny the amount of respect she received."

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'Always seem to be a year behind.' City looking to fix building permit process as development skyrockets

High staff turnover and a busy construction sector are causing a major backlog in building permits, says the head of the city's development department.

Scott Mackie, manager of current planning, told councillors they have had trouble keeping up with the high demand in the construction sector, which is why the city aud-

itor identified a 42,000-permit backlog.

"We always seem to be a year behind and that will always be a challenge," Mackie told councillors.

Derrick Hiltz, with the Canadian Home Builders association, said the delays processing permits have an impact on the construction sector, which al-

ways expects to wait longer for inspections.

"The city's published times are always viewed as much more optimistic by industry," he said.

Councillors have asked for more data on inspections with a goal toward removing the backlog and improving service. They have also asked for

a report from the inspections branch on what's being done to reduce the backlog.

In the face of that backlog, the city's chief economist John Rose is reporting \$5.53 billion in development permits — a new record — which should indicate another busy construction season ahead.

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Electoral officer strikes back at Tories



Marc Mayrand THE CANADIAN PRESS

Elections Act. Debate about sweeping changes has been shut down in the House

Canada's chief electoral officer says the only team sweater he wears is the striped "white and black," and that a Conservative

overhaul of the Elections Act will take the referee off the ice.

In his first comments on sweeping new elections legislation by the Harper government, Marc Mayrand says he hopes there is extensive public consultation and debate over the proposed changes.

Mayrand was responding to comments by Conservative minister Pierre Poilievre, who

introduced the bill Tuesday by saying Canada's elections referee "should not be wearing a team jersey."

"Listen, the only team jersey that I think I'm wearing — if we have to carry the analogy — I believe is the one with the stripes, white and black," a shaking Mayrand said after a hearing on Parliament Hill.

"What I note from this bill is

that no longer will the referee be on the ice."

Mayrand's reaction comes as the government moves to shut down debate in the House of Commons and speed the legislation to committee.

Among other things, the bill would allow political parties to spend more during campaigns, set rules for using robocalls and impose stiffer penalties on

those who abuse automated telephone messaging.

Poilevire's opening shot at the impartiality of Elections Canada came after years of investigations of alleged Conservative wrongdoing that began with the in-and-out financing scheme in the 2006 campaign that brought Prime Minister Stephen Harper to power.

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'Not going to change'

Rob Ford refuses to attend pride

Toronto's mayor is back in the spotlight after making comments about the city's prominent gay pride festival. "I'm not going to go to the pride parade," he told the audience at a debate for mayoral hopefuls running in October's municipal election. "I've never been to a pride parade. So I'm not going to change the way I am."

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Big boost

Flu shot was 74% effective: Study

A new Canadian study suggests this year's flu shot offered good protection to people who received it. The study says the shot was 74 per cent effective at preventing flu so severe that people needed medical treatment.

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Federal budget

Public-sector sick days cost \$871M

The federal budget watchdog says public servants take an average of 11.5 paid sick days a year, compared with 18 days reported by Treasury Board President Tony Clement. The parliamentary budget office estimates the salary paid for sick days reached \$871 million in 2011-12, about 68 per cent higher than 10 years prior. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kicking the homeless

Online video may result in charges

Vancouver police say they found videos of a man allegedly kicking two homeless people in the groin in exchange for money "extremely concerning" and are considering laying charges. A video that appeared on YouTube Wednesday shows the suspect kicking the two victims. METRO

Drummer in Harper's band charged with sex assault

The RCMP says Phillip I. Nolan, who plays drums in a band that often accompanies Prime Minister Stephen Harper, is facing charges of sexual assault and sexual interference against two girls.

A spokesman for Harper says the Prime Minister's Office is "shocked and disturbed" by the charges, which allegedly involve two girls under the age of 14 at the time of the incidents.

Nolan, 43, is also a teacher at Avalon Public School, a middle school in east Ottawa. The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board said in a statement Nolan was removed from the classroom when an investigation began and was suspended Thursday after Ottawa police laid the charges.

Nolan faces five counts each of sexual assault, sexual interference, and sexual ex-

ploitation.

After a court released him on a \$5,000 bond Thursday afternoon, his Toronto-based lawyer, Lou Strezos, said his client is also "very shocked" about the charges.

"He has no criminal record," said Strezos. "He maintains his innocence."

Police allege the incidents took place between 1998 and 2000 during Nolan's tenure as a teacher of Grade 7 and 8 students.

Police said in a news release they are concerned there could be other complainants in the case.

Harper's office said it had no inkling about the matter.

"We are obviously shocked and disturbed by these serious charges," the PM's communications director Jason MacDonald said in a statement. JOE LOFARO/METRO IN OTTAWA



Phil Nolan, far right, who plays drums in the band that often accompanies Prime Minister Stephen Harper, is facing multiple charges of sexual assault, sexual interference and sexual exploitation. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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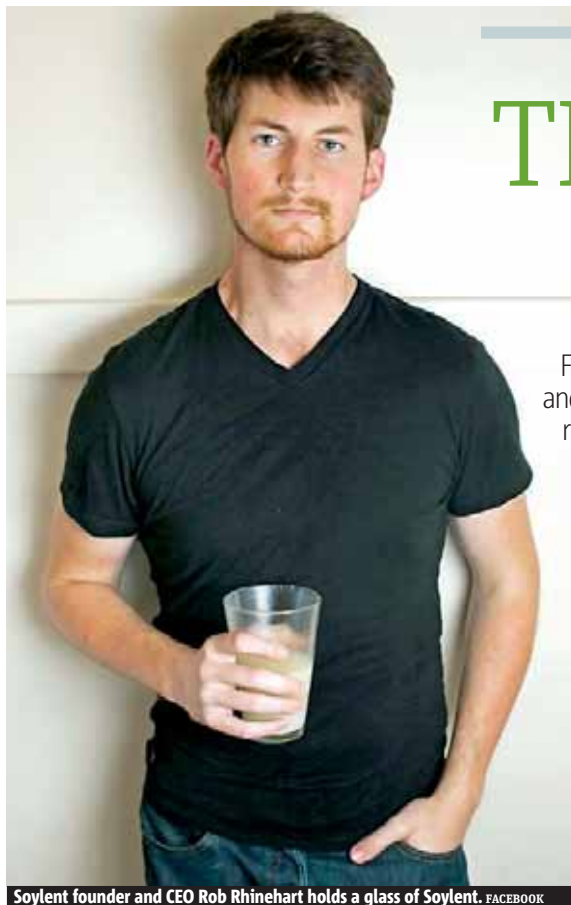
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Soylent founder and CEO Rob Rhinehart holds a glass of Soylent. FACEBOOK

THE FUTURE OF FOOD?

Founder of Soylent says healthy food is expensive and difficult to prepare — and his controversial meal replacement product could be coming to Canada



JESSICA SMITH CROSS
Metro in Toronto

Canadians won't have to wait for a far-off dystopian future to try the controversial Soylent meal replacement product, as the inventor says the company is eyeing Canada as its first international market after it begins shipping to U.S. customers on March 1.

CEO Rob Rhinehart was an electrical engineer at a start-up in California, with insufficient time and money to eat well, when he decided to create

something fast and cheap that contains everything humans need to survive.

Soylent comes in two packets, powder and oil, that are mixed with water to form a grayish liquid. It contains no people and costs less than \$10 a day.

"Traditionally, healthy food can be very difficult to prepare and very expensive," said Rhinehart. Soylent has a nutrition label that shows a full complement of nutrients, along with carbs, protein and fibre.

"There's a lot of regulation in food," said Rhinehart. "We

have gone through all of the hurdles and testing and labeling and process control."

Rhinehart said the label doesn't tell the whole story — that Soylent has a complete amino acid profile and, according to the company's tests, a low glycemic index.

Rhinehart was Soylent's first test subject and he lives "90 per cent" on Soylent today, eating only the occasional social meal. He's gone through long periods of eating only Soylent, and "beta testers" — a tech term for people who try out a new product before it's release — have done the same.

Soylent raised more than \$2 million in pre-orders and found venture capital support. It has a community of DIY Soylent makers working on their own Soylent-like food hacks.

It also has many critics.

Two Canadian doctors who are experts in nutrition recommended that consumers wait until Soylent undergoes clinical testing.

Dr. David Lau, a professor of medicine biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Calgary and the president of Obesity Canada, said Soylent's ingredients "appear very complete," but he's concerned about how well they will be absorbed.

Gut flora, the micro-organ-

Living on Soylent

"If someone starts doing this to simplify their lives, they don't have to spend as much time eating well and just by default will end up getting a lot healthier."

Soylent founder and CEO Rob Rhinehart

isms that live in the digestive tract, are essential to human health but are still not well understood and the effect a Soylent diet would have is unknown, he said.

He said using beta testers is "hocus pocus" and doesn't replace clinical trials that could determine the long-term effects of Soylent.

Dr. David Jenkins, a University of Toronto professor and the Canada research chair in nutrition and metabolism, said he'd like to see testing on the product's glycemic index. How the body absorbs Soylent and its post-meal effects are essential to understanding how useful and healthy it is, he said.

Rhinehart has dealt with similar concerns in the past. "If this becomes a problem the amounts can be changed to compensate," he wrote in a post on his site.

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Sochi. Some heading to the Games reporting 'hassle-free' security

Despite a temporary Russian ban on liquids in carry-on luggage, some air travellers heading to the Sochi Olympics through Moscow have brought toothpaste and other toiletries past security checkpoints without any problems.

Security concerns ahead of the Sochi Games were renewed after the U.S. Homeland Security Department warned airlines flying to Russia that terrorists may try to smuggle explosives into the country in toothpaste tubes.

Yet six Associated Press

employees arriving in Moscow from across the world or beginning their journey there passed through security without having to remove toothpaste, hand lotion or water bottles.

Another AP journalist, arriving in Moscow from Singapore, said a security official checked his deodorant and then returned it, but didn't make mention of a small tube of toothpaste.

Others heading to Sochi said their experience of airport security was surprisingly hassle-free.

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Newfoundland

Gay flag raised at NL legislature

The Newfoundland and Labrador government says it wants to show its support for human and gay rights as the Sochi Olympics get

underway. A rainbow flag will be raised Friday at the provincial legislature in St. John's to coincide with the opening of the Winter Games in Russia, where a new law outlaws so-called pro-gay propaganda that could be accessible to minors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Russia anti-gay legislation is the target of a new ad



This YouTube screengrab showing two lugers in a suggestive pose is from an ad produced in response to the controversy over a Russian law. SCREENGAB

Anti-gay law. Diversity group and Toronto agency collaborate in the creation of a new ad for the Sochi Games

The Olympics have always been a little bit gay.

At least, that's the idea behind a new ad released just days prior to the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi.

The ad shows two male figures thrusting back and forth

It's called equality, Mr. Putin

"It's a message about equality first and foremost. The backdrop happens to be the Olympics."

Caleb Goodman, partner at Rethink

as they prepare to take off luge sledding.

The 30-second spot was a last minute collaboration between the Canadian Institute of Diversity and Inclusion and Rethink creative agency in Toronto.

Backed with the popular 1980s tune "Don't You Want Me" by The Human League, it ends with the words: "The Games have always been a little gay. Let's fight to keep them that way."

While homosexuality is no longer illegal in the Olympic host country, it passed a law barring the promotion of "non-traditional sexual relations" to minors.

And with hours days left before the games open Friday, Human Rights Watch expressed concerns homophobic violence, including luring, attacking and shaming, is escalating.

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Female circumcision. Opposition grows in Mali

When Dicko Ongoiba was a little girl, female genital cutting was such a tradition that no one in her community discussed it.

Like her mother did, 40-year-old Ongoiba subjected her first six daughters to what is sometimes referred to as female circumcision. But she has since learned more about ramifications, and now she wants to spare

her two youngest daughters.

On Thursday, the International Day of Zero Tolerance to Genital Mutilation, Ongoiba joined hundreds of residents of a town outside Mali's capital for a public declaration swearing off female genital cutting, which affects 89 per cent of Mali's women.

It was the second public declaration organized in Mali by the non-governmental or-

ganization Tostan, which has worked with 7,000 communities in eight African countries to denounce cutting.

Although community leaders sometimes justify the practice on religious grounds, in recent years a growing number of religious leaders have noted there is no mention of female genital cutting in the Qur'an.

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What it is

Female circumcision involves removing some or all of a girl's external genitals, usually without anesthesia, leading to the loss of sexual pleasure, but also more difficult childbirths, urinary incontinence and other complications.



Ukraine protesters 'tired of

Anti-government protesters armed with sticks rally near the parliament building in carrying a banner reading: "We are tired of waiting." Protesters said they were ready Yanukovych to resign and a new election to be held, as well as more human rights

Death spurs segregation

Saudi university. Male paramedics not given immediate permission to enter campus to treat female: Witness

nied the report, saying there was no hesitation in letting the paramedics in. He said the university did all it could to save the life of the student, who was identified as Amna Bawazeer.

Al-Omar told The Associated Press that after the incident, he met Bawazeer's father who told him his daughter had heart problems. The rector said Bawazeer suffered a heart attack and collapsed suddenly on the campus on Wednesday.

Her death sparked a debate on Twitter by Saudis who created a hashtag to talk about the incident. In the debate, many Saudis said the kingdom's strictly enforced rules governing the segregation of the sexes were to blame for the delay in helping Bawazeer.

Following Wednesday's incident, professors at King Saud University also demanded an investigation.

One staff member who witnessed the situation said

Thousands of Saudis vented their anger online over a report Thursday that staff at a Riyadh university had barred male paramedics from entering a women's-only campus to assist a student who had suffered a heart attack and later died.

The Okaz newspaper said administrators at the King Saud University impeded efforts by the paramedics to save the student's life because of rules banning men from being onsite. According to the paper, the incident took place on Wednesday and the university staff took an hour before allowing the paramedics in.

However, the university's rector, Badran Al-Omar, de-



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India

Seven arrested for alleged gang rape

Police say they have arrested seven people for allegedly raping a co-worker's wife and aunt in Mukti Rachak, a village 40 kilometres north of Kolkata in India's West Bengal state.

A rash of rapes in India has sparked widespread outrage over chronic sexual violence and government

failures to protect women.

The man's 28-year-old wife and 40-year-old aunt were also cut by blades, but were in stable condition in a local hospital.

Police said the men had a fight with their co-worker over a road building project. They visited his home and committed the crime after plunging the village into darkness by switching off the electricity transformer. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Greece

Man arrested over earthquake hoax

Police have arrested a 44-year-old man in southern Greece for allegedly posing as an official from the country's main seismological institute, following powerful earthquakes on the western island of Kefalonia.

Police on Thursday alleged that the man,

pretending to from the Institute of Geodynamics in Athens, called a 62-year-old woman and warned of another major quake. The motive for the call was unclear.

Kefalonia has been rattled by two quakes since Jan. 26 as well as scores of aftershocks, damaging around 3,000 homes, according to government estimates.

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waiting' for parliament

central Kyiv, Thursday. About 2,000 demonstrators marched toward parliament to resume clashes with police if parliament's inaction continued. They want Viktor and less corruption in their nation of 45 million people. **EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Aziza Youssef, a professor at King Saud University.

paramedics were not called immediately. She said they were also not given immediate permission to enter the campus and that it appeared that the female dean of the university and the female dean of the college of social studies panicked.

Al-Omar said the staff called campus health officials within minutes of Bawazeer collapsing and that about 25 minutes later they called paramedics.

Saudi Arabia follows a strict interpretation of Islam. Sexes are segregated in schools and almost all Saudi

universities. Women also have separate seating areas and often separate entrances in "family" sections of restaurants and cafés where single males are not allowed. The kingdom's top cleric has warned against the mixing of the genders, saying it poses a threat to female chastity and society.

In a shocking tragedy in 2002, a fire broke out at a girl's school in Mecca, killing 15 students. Rights groups reported that religious police would not allow the girls to escape because they were not wearing headscarves or abayas, a traditional loose black cloak that covers the female body from the neck down.

While religious police denied they blocked girls from fleeing and a government inquiry found the school was ill-equipped to handle emergencies, the incident led to the overhaul of women's education.

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Olympian Cherie Piper offers her predictions for the 2014 Games

About Cherie Piper:

- Age: 32
- Olympic gold medals: Three — 2002, 2006 and 2010
- World Championships: One — 2004
- Retired from Team Canada: Spring of 2013

Canadian to watch

Natalie Spooner, from Toronto. She's big, strong, a natural goal scorer.



International player to watch:

Noora Raty, known as the Finnish Fence. She gives Finland very strong goaltending. She's a game-changer.



Top 3 nations:

Gold: Canada
Silver: U.S.
Bronze: Finland



There were jeers before cheers



Cherie Piper at Blyth Academy in Whitby, Ont. She became a teacher at the school after retiring from Team Canada, and coaches hockey in the school's advanced sports program.

ELIZABETH BEDDALL/METRO

'Out on the ice, you can hear everything.' Olympic gold-medallist and Canadian hockey hero overcame taunts, insults to succeed



FERNANDO CARNEIRO
Metro in Toronto

Cherie Piper is a Canadian hockey hero.

So who would bully her? Me. And a good many others from my high school.

In 1996, Piper's high school, Albert Campbell CI, played my school, Sir Winston Churchill, in the Scarborough B finals.

When we met last month, Piper said she remembers that game well. "Out on the ice, you can hear everything that's yelled," she said. Ouch!

Churchill had a bus full of students at the arena to cheer on our girls. And we didn't know the difference between

supporting our team and putting down the opposition.

And Piper was the opposition. She skated circles around our girls and scored most goals in the blowout that followed.

Sharon Mejia, now 34, played against Piper.

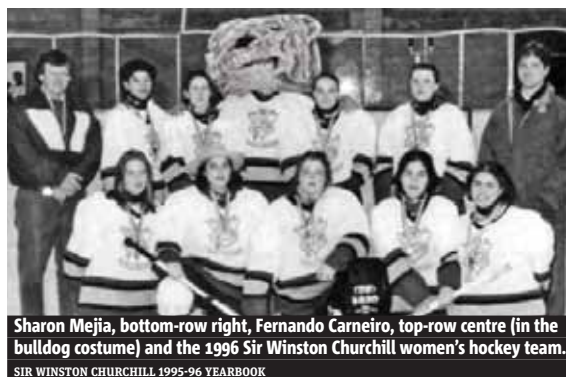
"It was very frustrating, because she was clearly way above everybody else on the team," Mejia said.

So the Churchill crowd, mostly boys who saw the game as an opportunity to skip class, booed Piper. A lot.

"We were rowdy. We said things to bring her confidence down," said Imer Hernandez, who was in the stands.

Mejia said the more Piper was booed, the more she seemed to want the puck, and as Campbell ran up the score, the more insulting the Churchill kids became. The insults eventually turned sexual.

I was there, as Churchill's mascot, wearing a bulldog costume with an oversized head. I remember looking through the eyeholes and seeing Piper's dad put his arm around her mom



Sharon Mejia, bottom-row right, Fernando Carneiro, top-row centre (in the bulldog costume) and the 1995-96 Sir Winston Churchill women's hockey team.

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL 1995-96 YEARBOOK

as she wiped her eyes.

"My mom and dad used their energy to protect me," Piper said.

While people accused her of embarrassing the other team, Piper said she thought of her teammates, many using equipment borrowed from Piper.

"Our goalie one year had never put on skates before," Piper said. "I used to run skating drills with the girls."

She remembers their weekly practices well. "Nobody

understands how much fun we had as a team," she said.

Nearly 16 years later, Hernandez said he's impressed by Piper's mental toughness.

"She was so young. I'd like to congratulate her for playing to the best of her ability while blocking all that."

As rough as the insults hurled at Piper in the Scarborough finals were, she said they're far from the worst.

Due to a shortage of girls playing hockey, when Piper

was eight, her parents had the choice of enrolling her in an under-16 women's league or a team of eight-year-old boys. They chose the boys' league.

"Some of the worst things were things that mothers from the other team would yell at me. They would tell their sons to go injure me or kill me," Piper said. "They couldn't handle the fact that their son was beat by a girl."

The behaviour of the Churchill kids at the Scarborough finals is learned behaviour, Piper said. She's now in a position to influence children differently — since retiring from the national team, she has become a teacher for Blyth Academy in Whitby.

"In my classroom there's no putting people down. There's no treating people differently," Piper said. "Retirement (from hockey) has been nice. I'm just enjoying being a normal person and not having to be at the rink or practice all the time."

When we parted, I apologized on behalf of Churchill. She accepted it graciously.

Little Cherie

The girl? She's the one who scored on you

The first time Chris Piper watched her daughter climb a rope in gymnastics she was in for a big surprise. "Oh my God! That's my kid?" she asked.

While most other children were wobbling along, Cherie made it to the top.

To her mom, it was unfair that as a child Cherie was singled out for being "too good" and for taking up a spot on a boy's team.

"We would be at a tournament and hear parents talk about one team having a girl. They wouldn't look at the top players, they always guessed the boy with the long hair. They would yell at him and say that he shouldn't be on the ice," Chris Piper said. "I would reply, 'See the player who just put the puck in your net? That's the girl.'"

But there were times when Cherie cried.

"I said, 'Honey, if you want to quit, make it your decision. Don't let those people make the decision for you.'"

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A young Cherie Piper is seen in this undated photo. COURTESY CHRIS PIPER



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Will BlackBerry meet its Waterloo in keyboard battle?

Or will it be Seacrest out? Typo Products and Canada-based company in war of words over QWERTY iPhone add-on

Typo Products says BlackBerry is trying to hold a monopoly over smartphone keyboards, and that it shouldn't have to take its new iPhone case off the market.

The Los Angeles-based company, co-founded by American Idol host Ryan Seacrest, filed documents Wednesday in a California court defending itself against a patent-infringement lawsuit.

BlackBerry accuses Typo of copying its keyboard design in an effort to capitalize on the smartphone maker's



Typo Products' iPhone keyboard case.
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"commercial recognition and goodwill."

The Waterloo, Ont.-based company is seeking numerous rulings, including damages from Typo, all of Typo's profits and a stop to future sales of the keyboard technology. The suit was filed in January and none of the allegations have been tested in court.

Typo disputes the claims made by BlackBerry. The Typo case attaches to an iPhone 5 or 5S, two recent Apple smartphone models, both of which have touchscreen keyboards.

In its response, Typo attached pictures of various keyboard designs that date as far back as Smith Corona typewriters.

"The QWERTY keyboard has been around since the 1870s and has been present in many messaging devices," Typo said in the documents.

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G.I. Joe still in fighting form as he hits the big 5-0

G.I. Joe action figures portray Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima in a display at the New York State Military Museum in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. A half-century after the 12-inch doll was introduced at a New York City toy fair, the iconic action figure is being celebrated by collectors with a display at the military museum, while the toy's maker plans other anniversary events to be announced later this month. Since Hasbro's "movable fighting man" hit the shelves in 1964, G.I. Joe has undergone many changes, some the result of shifts in public sentiment for military-themed toys, others dictated by the marketplace. MIKE GROLL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rubber hits the road

It's namaste for yoga-mat chemical in Subway's bread

Subway says it's in the process of removing a chemical from its bread as part of an effort to improve its recipes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crossrail set for 2018

Bombardier wins \$1.6B rail contract

Bombardier Transportation has been selected as the winning bidder in a \$1.6-billion US contract to supply trains and a depot for London's transportation system. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sowing seeds of discontent

Rice is Thailand's staple grain and one of its main exports.

- In hopes of boosting rice prices and rural incomes, the government bought harvests from farmers at about twice the price, prevailing in global markets.

- The program backfired when the government had difficulties selling the grain overseas as rival exporters such as Vietnam undercut it.

- Losses from rice pledging have swelled to \$4.46 billion US since the policy was started in 2011.

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Thailand's rice subsidy program turns sour

An ambitious rice buying program that Thailand's ruling party hoped would aid millions of its poor rural supporters may instead help bring down the increasingly cornered government.

Hundreds of farmers from more than 10 provinces converged Thursday on the capital to demand rice payments that are several months overdue after the policy caused ruinous losses. Some have blocked three main highways in the north and the west, while a few hundred in the ruling party's northeastern heartland protested at a provincial government hall.

With the help of populist policies such as the rice pledging scheme, Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's party won a landslide elec-

tion victory in 2011. But it suffered a self-inflicted and crushing setback late last year by attempting to amnesty Yingluck's elder brother, Thaksin Shinawatra, so he could return to the kingdom without serving prison time for a corruption conviction.

Ousted as prime minister in a 2006 coup, Thaksin is a highly polarizing figure, beloved in the countryside and loathed in the capital, Bangkok, where military, palace and old money cliques have traditionally held sway over the nation.

The rice crisis could not have come at a worse time for the government, which is reduced to a caretaker administration after street protests sparked by the amnesty bill forced new elections.



Thai farmers show their rice certificates during a rally to speed up payment for the price of their crops in Bangkok on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Official results of the Feb. 2 vote may not be announced for months after protesters in Bangkok prevented some polling places from functioning, requiring byelections. The government is also assailed by numerous court

cases and investigations that could result in it being deposed judicially.

Now the ruling party faces the risk that the bedrock of its support, farmers, will turn against it.

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OF SUPER BOWLS AND SPYING

1 Black History Month. It's February again, and another great opportunity to learn all about the heroes that have shaped, not just the history of black people in North America, but the whole world. Until it's over and schools go right back to using the same old textbooks. Something tells me we're still a few Februaries away from complete enlightenment. #BHM

2 Bad, bad boy. It was the end of the world. There was darkness and violence and depravity. There were loud noises of motors running high, children crying and sirens wailing. Signs of the apocalypse? Nope, just Justin Bieber on the news again. #Bieber, #Bieberstripper, #DUI....

3 #MattressMack. The Houston furniture store owner's promotion backfired when he offered customers a full refund if the Seahawks were to beat the Broncos. Jim McIngvale honoured his commitment to the tune of \$7 million, but he did it gladly, because it was still cheaper than running a commercial during the Super Bowl.



THE METRO LIST
Mike Benhaim
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4 SUPER BOWL XLVIII. Poor Peyton Manning. All everyone did was talk about his football pedigree and five MVPs, but the closest the Broncos came to a touchdown dance was Bruno Mars' halftime performance. Oh sure, they scored a touchdown, but not while anyone was still watching. #worstsuperbowllever

5 5Seconds of Summer. I have never heard a single original song by this Australian boy band, but the social media gods seem to smile on them because #5SOS keeps trending high. That's a whole lot of tweets. Now, if only they were actually saying something.

6 Woody Allen. The only thing funny about this story is how many twitter-ers or twits, or whatever, did not know that Allen was once pseudo-stepfather to Soon-Yi, his wife. Some argue that she was adopted by Mia Farrow, not Woody, though he dated her for 12 of the child's formative years. It is not illegal. But to put matters in perspective, Allen and Farrow's biological son Ronan once

said, "My father is married to my sister. I'm his son and his brother-in-law!" #What??

7 Hoop-la. Raptors point guard Kyle Lowry was named the NBA's Eastern Conference Player of the Week, despite having been snubbed for the All-Star game. Technically, that was last week, but I still haven't gotten over it.

8 I spy. John Forster, head of Canada's eavesdropping agency, was all over social media and the news when he denied spying or any breach of privacy. For most of us, it was enough to just discover that we had an EAVESDROPPING agency!

9 Carrying the torch. Earlier this week, despite concerns about the venue for this year's winter games, Russian President Vladimir Putin declared that Sochi was ready. That could mean they're ready for the games, or that all pro-gay activists have been contained. Either way, they're ready. #sochi2014

10 Facebook. The pioneer social media site celebrated their 10th birthday this week. Ten years since dear old friends who'd drifted apart could find each other again, and 10 years since everyone else could too. Cheers! #BestofFacebook

ZOOM

Sochi starts, protests continue



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The world is watching

Gay rights activists stage a protest that they say evokes the hate crimes and humiliations that are motivated by homophobia in Russia, in Antwerp,

Belgium, Thursday. The Sochi Winter Olympics have begun, and many will be watching to see whether Russia will enforce its law banning gay "propaganda" among minors if athletes, fans or activists wave rainbow flags or speak out in protest.

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IOC's stance

- The IOC has reminded athletes that "no kind of demonstration or political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted in any Olympic sites." Athletes will be free to express their opinions at news conferences, however.

Russia's stance

- Vladimir Putin has said gays will be welcome in Sochi if they "leave the kids alone."
- Russia initially banned protests during the Games. Following international outcry, it set up a designated protest zone.

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Age of Curling:

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Twitter

The creator of the Labradoodle says he has regrets about starting the designer dog craze because of health risks. But if you could mix any two breeds (with no health repercussions), what would you make?

@Zom8ieQuEen a pit bull and a grey hound better watch out when it catches ya lol

@evilaudi why must people cross breed dogs? There are so many breeds to choose from it is impossible to not pick one

@kjbwbf I love my Bugg (Boston Terrier x Pug)



@MegBlumenthal I would mix a Shar-Pei and a Poodle. The refined 'Poo-Pei'

@Canucklehead_ca Clearly 'Snoopy Doggy' with 'Pitbull'. (I have no idea how breeding works)

Letters

RE: Website Helps Women Get Free Breast Implants, published Feb. 5, 2014

There are many people in countries that need life saving surgery and do not have the money. For the girl that wants breast implants and is getting donations, maybe you should just be thanking God that you have your health. **A. Grossi, Toronto**

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Synopsis

Based on the book *The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History* by Robert M. Edsel, the movie stars Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, John Goodman, Jean Dujardin, Bob Balaban and Hugh Bonneville as a motley crew of art historians, engineers and museum directors recruited to locate and rescue priceless art works stolen by the Nazis. When two members of their team are killed they are no longer observers but active participants in the war.

Richard: ●●●●●

Mark: ●●●●●



George Clooney co-wrote *The Monuments Men*, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

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RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Nothing monumental

The Monuments Men. George-Clooney-penned story about saving art in the Second World War skews a little too sentimental

Richard: Mark, this is a war-time comedy. Think *Hogan's Heroes* by way of Leonardo Da Vinci and you'll get the idea. It has some mild laughs — the biggest giggle, for Canadians anyway, comes from the Parisians who blame Matt Damon's terrible French on having spent too much time in Montreal — but also a great deal of reverence for the art and the work of the real-life monuments men. But what might have been an edgy, exciting look at an under-

reported slice of World War II history is reduced to an elegantly directed but somewhat dull film.

Mark: Richard, I was really looking forward to this movie. Three of my major obsessions are George Clooney, Nazis and art, although not necessarily in that order. But you're right; the movie is kind of a snooze in parts. There are some great scenes, but they don't quite add up. And at no time did I feel much of a sense of danger, probably because the war is ending and the Germans are already on the run. The great cast is mostly split up during the movie, so the expected camaraderie is absent. But there's one great reason to see this movie, and that's the prominent role of prickly nerd Bob Balaban.

RC: The cast is terrific. Balaban is a great actor, and an under-used one, so it's always cool to see him trotted out in anything, but for me Bill Murray shows, once again, in a brief scene in a shower (no spoilers here), how his understated style can move an audience. No problems with the acting, but co-writers Clooney and longtime collaborator Grant Heslov appear to have taken a dose of sentimentality pills before putting pen to paper. The earnest, reverential tone is reinforced by old school pacing that focuses on the character and art over action and a rousing soundtrack that sounds airlifted in from a classic war-time era movie.

MB: Bill Murray, as always, proves that less is indeed more. There's a quasi-romance between Matt Damon and Cate

Blanchett that seemed forced to me, not to mention she wears the ugliest pair of shoes in the history of cinema. But all through the movie there's a moral dilemma that keeps being rammed down our throats. Is art valuable enough to risk human life for? The movie tells us over and over that it is, but to be honest, Richard, I'm not so sure. And if you're not sure, the urgency falls apart.

RC: It seems like you noticed Blanchett's shoes more than the art. Therein lies the movie's central problem.

MB: Well, I'm more of a modernist anyway. When they tell the story of how the Germans burned the Klees, Braques, and Picassos I nearly wept. This isn't a bad movie, Richard. I just hoped for a great one.

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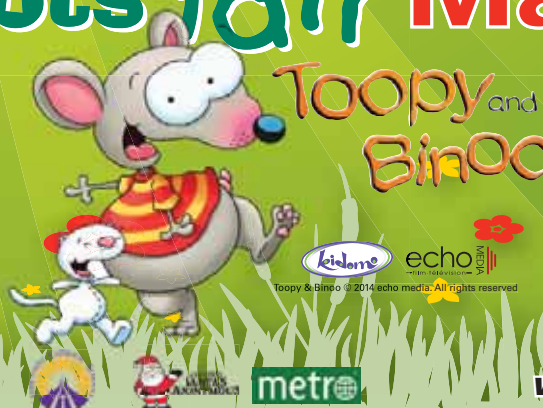
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Filmmaker Ingrid Veninger says the pitch for the script writing initiative Femmes Lab, “could have back-fired badly.”

The actor-turned-director-turned-Renaissance-woman was on stage at the Whistler Film Festival in December receiving an EDA award from the Alliance of Women Film Journalists for her latest film, *The Animal Project*, when a notion struck her.

“I started to talk about the Femmes Lab at the podium,” says Veninger. “Six Canadian

women will write six screenplays in six months. Then I took the leap to invite someone to step up for \$6,000. At first the room was silent. So, I started counting down: 6, 5 ... and before I hit 4, a woman shot her arms in the air and said, ‘I’ll do it!’ My heart was racing and it was only later I realized it was Melissa Leo. Melissa approached me quietly and said, ‘This is going to happen. I will get you a cheque before the end of the year.’ And, she did.”

For her donation, the Frozen River Academy Award winner Leo gets a first look at six scripts written by a hand-picked group of female Canadian writers and directors including Veninger, Danishka Esterhazy, Michelle Latimer, Sophie Deraspe, Anais Granofsky and Mars Horodyski.

“It’s not your traditional kind of script development,” says Veninger, “that’s for sure. It’s almost more like a coven. We’re not actually casting spells, as we conjure these new screenplays, but sort of.



Ingrid Veninger. CONTRIBUTED

The nuts and bolts is that we meet in person once a month from January until June, mostly in Toronto. And, month to

month we each have to move our screenplays forward, so that by the end of June, we have six completed scripts. But

Quoted

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Ingrid Veninger on writing a script in the Femmes Lab

what happens in the actual lab session is a secret. I can say that in my past 20 years of making movies, I have not experienced anything like this. First off, the six of us are very different and we bring a diverse range of experiences and perspectives to the table. Our sessions are minimally nine hours, but can also last the whole weekend.”

One of the participants, Mars Horodyski, said, “For me the pUNK Films Femmes Lab offers a supportive creative space where you are encouraged to do something different, brave and representative of who you really are. Something really special happens when you get a group of

women together to collaborate in this way. It’s different from anything I’ve ever been a part of and I’m excited to see the outcome.”

Veninger says this edition of pUNK Films Femmes Lab is likely to be “a one time thing. I’m happy to spark the fire, but it’s most exciting to see how others keep it going.”

It seems that spark is about to ignite.

“After Whistler, I received a message from a filmmaker in L.A. saying, ‘we should do a Femmes Lab in Los Angeles’, and my response was, ‘go ahead and do it. Make it happen. We have nothing to lose. Now is the time.’”

Ratings and synopses courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes. For more movie reviews, trailers and news go to RottenTomatoes.com.

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Animation



The Lego Movie

Director. Phil Lord, Christopher Miller

Stars. Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks

This story follows Emmet (Chris Pratt), an ordinary, rules-following, perfectly average LEGO mini-figure who is mistakenly identified as the most extraordinary person and the key to saving the world. He is drafted into a fellowship of strangers on an epic quest to stop an evil tyrant, a journey for which Emmet is hopelessly and hilariously under-prepared.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 100% Audience: + 96%

Action-Comedy



Vampire Academy

Director. Mark Waters

Stars. Zoey Deutch, Lucy Fry, Daniela Kozlovsky

Rose Hathaway (Deutch) is a Dhampir: half human-vampire, guardians of the Moroi, peaceful, mortal vampires living discretely within our world. Her legacy is to protect the Moroi from bloodthirsty, immortal Vampires, the Strigoi. This is her story.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: TBA Audience: + 86%

Documentary



Visitors

Director. Godfrey Reggio

Thirty years after Koyaan-isqatsi, Godfrey Reggio — with the support of Philip Glass and Jon Kane — once again leapfrogs over earth-bound filmmakers and creates another stunning, wordless portrait of modern life. Presented by Steven Soderbergh in black and white 4K digital projection, *Visitors* reveals humanity's trancelike relationship with technology, which, when commandeered by extreme emotional states, produces massive effects far beyond the human species.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 68% Audience: 🍌 52%

Abbie Cornish on a Robocop rewind

A simpler time.

Australian actress reminisces about watching 1980s classic until her VHS tape wore out



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Metro World News in Hollywood

Abbie Cornish has fond memories of the original *Robocop*, having grown up in Australia watching, re-watching and eventually wearing out a VHS copy of the 1987 film at far too young an age, thanks to her older brothers. So she hopes other fans of Paul Verhoeven's ultra-violent action flick will take her involvement in José Padilha's PG-13 remake as a major vote of confidence.

It was a different time, when you had to worry about VHS tapes wearing



Robocop, starring Abbie Cornish, opens next Wednesday. CONTRIBUTED

out.

And it was so devastating when they did — or if they tore! And sometimes you couldn't replace them either. It seems so silly,

you'd be 10 years later trying to find another VHS of *Robocop* and you can't. It's like all of a sudden it becomes a collector's item. It's different now.

What were some of your favourite parts of the original?

I mean, that scene is crazy when he goes in on his own and he gets blown apart.

I know it sounds really violent because I was, like, 5 or 6 when I watched that, but that scene is just insane. It's really classic. I love that movie. I really enjoyed watching it again. I watched it a couple of times before we made the movie, and people were like, 'Don't do that!' I was like, 'But I love it!'

Plus, this version is pretty different from the original.

Yeah, it's different. It's a whole different entity. Look, I really hope that the people who are skeptical about the film and are saying that they're not going to watch it because 'we love the original *Robocop* and they shouldn't have remade it,' I really hope that they go to the cinemas and watch it because I think that they'll be pleasantly surprised.

The default position of any remake is skepticism, though.

I guess so. Maybe I've just never been privy to it. We retell stories all the time. Sometimes they're very well done and sometimes not so well done, so I can understand people's skepticism about that as well.

What are some of your favourite tricks of the trade for tapping into a character?

I listen to a lot of music while I work. I usually make a playlist for each film that sums up what that character's journey is throughout the film, so I can always go back to it and go back to it. Basically it's like home. Or sometimes if I feel a bit lost on the way to work in regards to what we're doing, I'll pull up a Turner painting and just stare at it for half an hour, and that will just give me something for the day. Because sometimes, to be honest, I don't know what I'm doing as an actor and I like that feeling.

Wes Anderson treats Berlin to his latest dreamscape

The Grand Budapest Hotel. Filmmaker and his all-star cast kickoff the Berlin International Film Festival

Director Wes Anderson and a strong ensemble cast including Ralph Fiennes, Bill Murray and Edward Norton kicked off the annual Berlin International Film Festival on Thursday with *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, a caper set in a fictional spa town in pre-Second World War Europe. Here are some tidbits from opening day at the first of the year's major European film festivals.

Written for Ralph

The Grand Budapest Hotel stars British actor Fiennes as its central figure: Monsieur Gustave, a fastidious hotel concierge, and its director says no one else would do.

The part was "written with Ralph in mind," Anderson told reporters ahead of the movie's premiere. "This character is quite grand and theatrical and



Wes Anderson directs *The Grand Budapest Hotel*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

has to recite poetry and has paragraphs of text."

Still, Fiennes shares the limelight with Norton, Murray, Jeff Goldblum, Tilda Swinton, Willem Dafoe, Jude Law, Adrien Brody, Saoirse Ronan and others in roles large and small.

The movie is the first of 20 competing for the festival's main Golden Bear award.

Happy together

So how does Anderson get stars to play not-so-big roles? Anderson's regular, Murray, who's playing a fellow concierge in

this film, leapt in to answer that one.

"We are promised very long hours and low wages ... and stale bread," he said. "That's pretty much it."

Still, he admits the life is pretty cool.

"You get to see the world and we're allowed to let Wes live this wonderful magical life he has where his dreamscape comes true," Murray said. "So we show up, he gets to have all the fun. I guess it's because we like him that we go along."

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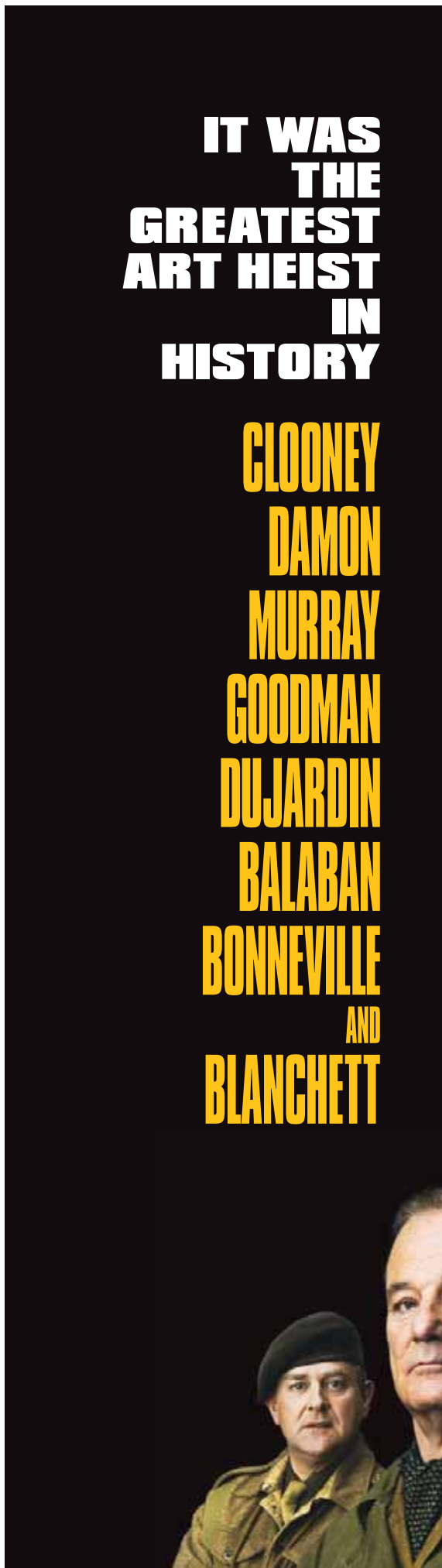
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Looking Sharp, Molly Parker joins House of Cards

Power play. Actor binge-watched Season 1, read Hillary Clinton's autobiography to prep for congresswoman role

Canuck star Molly Parker says she relished the chance to dive into the dark intrigue of House of Cards, noting the new character she plays on the acclaimed Netflix drama offers a worthy match to the power-hungry Francis Underwood.

Parker plays a third-term congresswoman who figures prominently in Francis's latest quest for power at the White House.

That means lots of scenes for the B.C.-native opposite star Kevin Spacey, whose steely-eyed Francis remains ever-focused on cementing the vice presidential post, no matter the cost.

Parker appears early in the Season 2 premiere, establishing right away that her character Jacqueline Sharp cannot easily be manipulated.

"She's tough and she's smart and she's a soldier," says Parker, wary of revealing too much about the storyline.

"She's ambitious and she's also principled, as we find out as the season progresses."

The sophomore run launches Feb. 14 with virtually no time lost following the Season 1 finale. Francis and his equally ruthless wife Claire, played by Robin Wright, are out on the early morning run they began in the previous episode, clad head-to-toe in assassin black.



Molly Parker is joining the cast of House of Cards. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Sweetheart debut

Season 2 of House of Cards launches Feb. 14.

"He's such a powerful actor and he clearly loves this show and loves making it," says Parker, also known for roles on Deadwood, Dexter and The Firm.

"There's nothing better than working with somebody who's at the top of their game. It just makes me better."

Jackie is a Democratic congresswoman from California, as well as a battle-scarred veteran from Afghanistan and Iraq who earns praise from Francis for her "ruthless pragmatism."

Although Jackie is not drawn from anyone in particular, Parker says she felt compelled to research powerful women in order to better understand how gender politics work.

"I was just really interested in what it costs to be a woman in a room full of men and how do you hold your own?"

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Here's a good one: apparently that guy from The Office just published a book

Funny story. He may be out of the writer's room, but B.J. Novak still has a lot to say

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A lot of people probably know B.J. Novak best, as he puts it, as "that guy from The Office." And yeah, he was really funny as Ryan, the intern bro turned full-time employee. But Novak, who wrote for the longtime sitcom from day one, just penned his debut book: a collection of short, irreverent stories called *One More Thing*. We got Novak on the line to talk about more than just one of the things we were wondering about.

Coming from TV, what made you decide to write a book of short stories?

I had all these ideas that I was bursting with after all these years on The Office, that really didn't fit into this really contained environment that I was writing in for eight years. I would sort of accumulate them in notebooks. Any ideas that didn't fit into Dwight,



B.J. Novak's new book, *One More Thing*, was inspired by story ideas he held onto while writing for The Office for eight years. CONTRIBUTED

Michael, Jim and Pam, or Ryan and Kelly, just went into a stack of notebooks that I would put away in a drawer and not know what to do with. So then when The Office was finally

coming to an end, I looked through all the notebooks and I loved so many of these ideas but they didn't all seem to be right for a movie or a TV show, I didn't know what they were for.

So I just started writing them, and it became very exciting to write in all different lengths and all different tones, just whatever I thought an idea called for. And it became a book of fiction.

Did writing a book feel more personal than your previous projects?

It feels a lot more personal! And the irony is, I didn't

think this was a personal book at all when I started it. Unlike my best friend Mindy (Kaling), who wrote a memoir, I'm not really a personal writer, I don't really have stories or opinions to share. I would bore people.

But before I knew it, I was putting so much more of myself into it. My own opinions and fears and neuroses and fantasies, they were all working their way into the stories. So it ended up being the most personal thing I've ever done.

Was it a little scary to read the early reviews?

As I was first writing the

Quoted

"It's like if your high school or college photos were on TV every night at 7:30, you'd probably reminisce a lot too."

B.J. Novak, actor, writer and comedian, on looking back at The Office

stories, I would read them out loud, first to friends, and then eventually to theatres of people. I would book the Upright Citizens Brigade theatres in L.A. and New York, and hundreds of people would show up, because they knew the guy from The Office. And I would read these stories in progress, so I really got to know what worked and what didn't, what held their attention, what people seemed to want more of and what they wanted less of. So by the time the book came out and reviews came out, I kind of knew, more or less, how things would play.

Was it sad when The Office finally ended, or was it more of a relief?

It was both. Every now and then I drive by the old set, or the highway exit I used to take, or see the old gang or catch an episode on TV, and it does make me wistful for the past a little bit. But in general it was very exciting and freeing to be out of it.

You spent almost the first decade of your career on that show, and had so much success at a young age. Was it all kind of overwhelming?
Yeah, it kind of happened so fast that we didn't really have time to adjust to it. You know, we knew that what

we were writing — I really related more as a writer during those years on The Office — was great. Well, we thought it was great. You always think that something you're doing is great, at first. And then, when people would come up to us on the street and say that they loved our show, it kind of felt very natural to us, because we had that cocky thing that kids have, where they think they're the best in the world. It took some hard knocks during the show to realize that this was hard work and that not every episode was going to make everybody laugh, and just because you're great one week, that doesn't make it any easier the next week.

There are some comedians who I feel, if I met them, we'd be friends. Are there any people in the business that you just know, if you could meet them, you'd be buds?

Oh, that's a great question! Let's see. David Letterman. Every time I'm on his show — I've been on his show twice — I know that I'm just a guest, and that everyone is just a guest to him, but I really think if he'd let just one more friend into his life, just one, we'd really get along. He just seems so wry and chill and smart.

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Songs for the weekend



SOUND CHECK
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Elbow followed by a double helping of fake NIN and the Chili Peppers

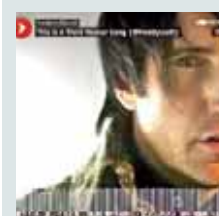


New York Morning/Elbow

This gorgeously melancholy song is the first single from Elbow's sixth studio album, The Take Off and Landing of Everything, which is set for a March 11 release.

Abracabraformia/Jon Daly

This parody of the Red Hot Chili Peppers' style is so convincing that a lot of fans were fooled into thinking the band had actually released a new song. Even the website for the song looked like the real thing.



This a Trent Reznor Song/Frederick Scott

The guy behind this take-off from Trent Reznor's songwriting style couldn't have nailed it better if he were an actual member of Nine Inch Nails.

Sprint Cup



The Duck Dynasty cast CONTRIBUTED

Duck Commander now sponsor of NASCAR race

The NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Texas is going to the ducks this spring.

Texas Motor Speedway has announced a three-year title sponsorship agreement for its spring race with Duck Commander, the brand of bestselling duck calls and Robertson family-owned company featured on the A&E show Duck Dynasty. The deal is for the spring race at the track. The April 6 race will be known as the Duck Commander 500. "We are all big fans of NASCAR and have been all our lives," said Willie Robertson, the CEO of Duck Commander.

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Biggest Loser champion faces a new set of challenges since show's finale

How much is too much? Winner's weight loss garners criticisms and concern

A day after Rachel Frederickson won the latest season of *The Biggest Loser*, after shedding nearly 60 per cent of her body weight, attention wasn't focused on her \$250,000 win but rather the criticism surrounding her loss.

Experts cautioned that regardless of her current weight, the criticism being levied on social media about her losing too much isn't helpful. A more constructive message is needed, they say, centring on overall healthy living and body image.

The five-foot-four, 24-year-old Frederickson dropped from 260 pounds to 105 under the show's rigorous exercise and diet regimen, and time spent on her own before the finale. She was a three-time state champion swimmer at Stillwater Area High School in Minnesota, then turned to sweets for solace after a failed romance with a foreign exchange student she followed to his native Germany.

Frederickson's newly thin frame lit up Twitter on Wednesday, with many



Rachel Frederickson on the finale of *The Biggest Loser* on Tuesday. TRAE PATTON/NBC

viewers pointing to the surprised expressions on the faces of trainers Jillian Michaels and Bob Harper during the show's Tuesday night finale. Many tweeted that Frederickson looked anorexic and unhealthy, while others congratulated her for dropping 155 pounds.

Frederickson's body mass index, a measure of height and weight, is below the

normal range, said Jillian Lampert, senior director of the Emily Program, an eating disorder treatment program based in St. Paul, Minn. But she said the criticism directed against Frederickson isn't helpful.

"As a society we often criticize people for being at higher weights. That's part of why we have the TV show *The Biggest Loser*. And then



Frederickson during her first episode on *The Biggest Loser*. TRAE PATTON/NBC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

we feel free to criticize lower weight," Lampert said.

A more constructive message to send young people would centre on well-rounded health and the importance of eating well, moving well and sleeping well, she said.

"We certainly see a lot of people who struggle with eating disorders who use the same behaviours on that

show to an extreme," she said. "That can't be helpful."

During an appearance on *Access Hollywood*, Frederickson didn't directly respond to the criticism but said she intends to live a healthy lifestyle going forward.

"My journey was about finding that confident girl again. Little by little, challenge by challenge, that

athlete came out. And it sparked inside me this feeling that I can do anything I can conceive. And I found that girl, and I'm just going to embrace her fully," she said.

In a statement released late Wednesday, NBC said it was committed to helping all of the show's past contestants live healthier lives.

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Celeb chow-palace elevator pitches

With a meaty spot après Duck Dynasty, A&E gave Wahlburgers a real chance to sizzle. The show centres around the famous family's burger joint run by Paul, the bro you don't know, but Hollywood heavyweight Mark and NKOTB alum Donnie show up to beef up the cast. With a bounty of entertainer eateries ripe for reality treatment, if Wahlburgers hits the ratings spot, expect networks to keep ordering up. Here are our ideas for some celeb-food-TV mash-ups.

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Jon Bon Jovi

Jon Bon Jovi's Soul Kitchen is a converted auto shop in Red Bank, N.J., where patrons can pay-what-they-can, or volunteer to earn a meal voucher. This is big-hearted, pass-the-tissue-box reality TV waiting to happen.

The community restaurant where you are often seated with strangers could put visiting stars on a TV show version across the table from everyday people, with Undercover Boss-style life story spilling sessions. Watch for Jovi's pop, John Bongiovanni, Sr. The 74-year-old silver fox has a trio of pasta sauces sold in stores in the Garden State and also available online for orders anywhere in North America. The series could be called Living on Puttanesca.



Vince Neil

The crowded intersection of music and meatballs is paved with scores of swank and sleazy show-ready bistros, hipster cafés and glorified dives.

At Tatuado EAT-DRINK-PARTY!, Motley Crüe front man Vince Neil's latest Vegas bar & grill, you can sip on a crowd-attracting bolstering concoction called Drunk Goggles, a quartet of flavored rums mixed with cranberry and pineapple juices.

It's the perfect elixir for Inked & Eligible, a speed-dating show we think would get people tuning in.



Lady Gaga

Lady Gaga's parents Joe and Cynthia serve up familiar Italian fare on Manhattan's upper west side. Entrees at Joanne Trattoria cover all the bases, from wood-stone oven pizzas and eggplant parmesan to pappardelle with pulled pork rib ragu.

While the menu is devoid of shock value, Gaga has vouched for its deliciousness, going so far as blaming the place for expanding her waistline. We imagine a show called Eat This Way, where two disparate constituencies such as hungry marathon runners and thin, aspiring plus-sized models commune at the Germanotta family establishment to carb-load before big races and casting calls.



Paulina Gretzky

In the world of sports dining, jock-sized portions of chops and juicy porterhouses are par for the course. Wayne Gretzky may have been the most elegant skater and mesmerizing stick-handler in hockey history, but in the celebrity eatery game his restaurant wouldn't crack the all-star team.

Instead, we think a show called The Paulina Project — where the selfie queen and her friends and hangers-on are tasked with giving her father's eponymous restaurant on 99 Blue Jays Way in Toronto a total makeover — would score big. The only thing off limits is Grandma Gretzky's delectable duck-fat fried cheddar and potato perogies. Those moon-shaped morsels are a hall of fame-worthy appetizer.



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- Red and pink ribbon

Method:

1. Cut the marshmallows in half.
2. Dip the cookie cutters into vegetable oil and press into the halved marshmallow. The vegetable oil will prevent your cookie cutter from sticking to the marshmallow.
3. Package in a glass jar with a pretty ribbon.

Hopeless Romantic Cocktail

Valentine's Day is a great excuse for spending time with people you love. Whether you're with someone special or enjoying a single girls' night-in, this Hopeless Romantic cocktail will definitely get you drunk on love.

What you need:

- 0.25 oz of lemon juice
- 0.25 oz of orange juice
- 0.25 oz of pineapple
- 1.5 oz Aperol
- 2 oz prosecco or champagne

Method:

1. Combine pineapple, orange and lemon juice.
2. Add the prosecco and Aperol.
3. Strain and serve in a tall glass.
4. Garnish with pineapple slices.
5. Add straws with festive toppers.



Crayon Hearts

Kids will love this multicoloured heart crayon, and parents will really love how they'll keep their little hands busy — and away from sugary temptations!

What you need:

- Baking silicone heart-shaped moulds
- Cellophane bags
- Red paint or construction paper
- Multicoloured broken crayons
- Red staples
- Template from cbc.ca/stevenandchris

Method:

1. Take a silicone heart-shaped mould and fill it with left-over crayon bits.
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While indie producers have been hawking vinyl editions of new releases for years, the major labels are expected to issue many new releases on vinyl this year as well. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

2014, the year the music was revived?

Vinyl resurgence. This year the big labels will be getting back on the retro record wagon

In 2014, it's safe to say, the major Canadian music labels will release more music on vinyl than they have since the heyday of the format more than 30 years ago.

But — and, when it comes to the nostalgia-drenched narrative about the resurrection of vinyl, there is always a but — that fact could stand a little context. “To paraphrase Mark Twain, the resurrection of vinyl records has been greatly exaggerated,” says Steve Kane, president of Warner Music Canada. “Vinyl sales account for a low single-digit contribution to our gross sales and will probably remain a niche product,” he adds, “but it will be a very active and passionate niche.”

“It will never be the dominant configuration,” agrees Ivar Hamilton, VP of catalogue marketing for Universal Music Canada, “but it's important enough now in many instances that supply keeping up with demand has become a challenge.”

One of the more interesting developments isn't that vinyl, through years of steady growth, has clawed its way back to represent more than a rounding error in the pie chart of music sales. It's that the niche it occupies has become promising enough to make it worthwhile for the big companies to start

Back in black

“At Warner we now sell directly to over 100 independent shops across the country, shops we would have at one point sent to a One Stop or other middleman.”

Steve Kane, president of Warner Music Canada, on his company's vinyl sales

paying serious attention to it.

Independent labels, of course, have embraced the configuration for years. As Jeffrey Remedios, co-founder of the Arts & Crafts label, points out, “We started vinyl pressings with our very first release, A&C001 Broken Social Scene — You Forgot It in People.” That was in 2003.

But in the context of Canada's major labels, Universal, Warner and Sony (which didn't answer our emailed questions), exact metrics can be hard to come by.

“We seem to be adding titles at a rate of about 25 per cent year to year,” Warner's Kane wrote in an email. “My best guess is we did between 150 and 200 titles last year. Add to that special Record Store Day and Black Friday (releases), we're probably looking at 500 titles a year encompassing all genres.” That spike in supply is partly due to a rise in the number of outlets.

“More retail is stocking vinyl,” says Universal's Hamil-

ton. “Amazon is into marketing their selections, HMV is back in the game in many locations, you can now even order (records) from the Walmart online site.”

In fact, says Kane, “For me the real significance of the vinyl market is that it has prolonged the life of the record retailer, especially the independent retailer. It's 2014 and people are opening record shops. After more than a decade of closures, bankruptcies, shrinking floor space in the big-box stores, it's incredible to see the return of the local record shop.”

The evidence of his claim is easy to spot in downtown Toronto, where new independent shops exclusively selling vinyl have indeed proliferated.

“At Warner we now sell directly to over 100 independent shops across the country, shops we would have at one point sent to a One Stop or other middleman,” Kane says.

So, what's in the vinyl pipeline for 2014?

The single biggest event may turn out to be the return of Led Zeppelin's albums on high-quality vinyl.

The broader trend might be the proliferation of vinyl in other genres. In jazz, for instance, 2014 happens to be the 75th Anniversary of Blue Note Records, which will bring a burst of reissued classics on record. Universal also plans to bring back some notable '70s reggae albums from the Virgin Front Line label.

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Television



First-time producer LeBron James GETTY IMAGES

LeBron James gets go-ahead for new sitcom

LeBron James is no stranger to getting the green light to shoot, but this time it's for a scripted comedy series set in the world of professional basketball.

Starz network is giving the go-ahead to his sitcom, *Survivor's Remorse*.

The Miami Heat star will serve as an executive producer of the half-hour show. He will team with Tom Werner, a force behind series such as *The Cosby Show* and *Roseanne*. Actor-writer Mike O'Malley will also be an executive producer.

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Pussy Riot. Recently-freed members and Madonna speak at Amnesty concert

Instead of singing, Madonna and members of Pussy Riot spoke with passion about human rights issues at a concert for Amnesty International.

Madonna told the crowd of thousands Wednesday night that she received death threats for standing up for Pussy Riot, a Russian protest punk band, when two of its members were arrested for hooliganism after staging a protest in a Russian church in 2012.

"The right to be free, to speak our minds, to have an opinion, to love who we want to love, to be who we are ... do we have to fight for that?" the pop icon said, answering her own question with an expletive.

At the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, Madonna introduced Maria Alyokhina and Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, who were released from prison in December and made their first public appearance in the U.S. on Tuesday.

They spoke through a translator at the Bringing Human Rights Home concert, telling the audience they were grateful



Maria Alyokhina, left, and Nadya Tolokonnikova speak at Amnesty International's Bringing Human Rights Home Concert Wednesday in New York. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

to be free but have to continue to fight to save others who are imprisoned.

Alyokhina and Tolokonnikova thanked supporters for sending letters while they were in jail and Amnesty International for its mission to protect human rights.

The Moscow-based group, which features nearly a dozen female musicians, has been critical of Russian President Vladimir Putin and political conditions in their homeland.

While Madonna and Pussy Riot didn't perform, the Flaming Lips and Yoko Ono closed the more than four-hour event,

Pussy Riot, or not?

Music website Pitchfork reported Thursday that members of Pussy Riot posted an open letter on their Livejournal, stating that Alyokhina and Tolokonnikova are no longer members of Pussy Riot, as their focus has primarily become prison reform and not the ideals of the group. METRO

while Imagine Dragons were crowd favourites with their hit *Radioactive*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cable news

Fox hires the Ragin' Cajun Carville

Fox News Channel says it has hired Democratic strategist James Carville as a contributor.

The channel said Thursday he will offer commentary during appearances on various Fox News Channel programs.

Carville was the lead strategist for Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign, which was documented in the film *The War Room*. He served as a senior political adviser during Clinton's presidency.

Carville's TV work included co-hosting the 2002-05 edition of *Crossfire* on CNN. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



James Carville GETTY IMAGES

Celeb vintage



A bottle of Miraval 2013 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brangelina wine receives applause

The latest Brad Pitt-Angelina Jolie sequel is being described as powerful and elegant with a "mouth-watering finish."

These raves don't appear in movie publications — they're from *Decanter* magazine's review of the celebrity couple's second vintage of rosé wine produced at their French Provencal estate, Chateau Miraval. The 2013 Miraval goes on sale online Friday and will be in shops and restaurants around the world next month.

The 2012 vintage, Pitt's and Jolie's first, was the highest-ranked rosé on *Wine Spectator's* annual Top 100 wines list.

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Undisputed Truth.
Metro talks to former
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Mike Tyson about
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The title of the book (Undisputed Truth) says it all. How hard was it to be that honest with yourself and with the people who would read it?

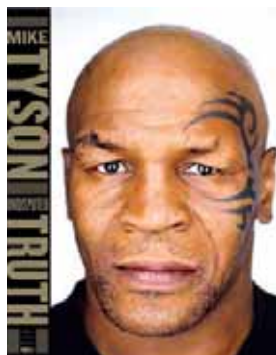
It was difficult but it was the only time I would get a chance to tell the truth about myself. If I'm going to tell my story, might as well tell the truth about it. So I told everything that I remembered about my life.

Since it's been published, have you been able to read it?

I read through it when we were writing it. And I'm listening to it right now on audio form. Sometimes I fast forward the parts that are more difficult for me.

At the beginning of the book you talk about your trial and you say that the judge, by sending you to prison, saved your life. Tell me about that.

I didn't have control over my life at that moment. At the prime of my fighting career, my life was very crazy. I didn't know what I really wanted to do. I was getting in a lot of altercations with dangerous people. I'm very grateful



that I didn't die during that time. But it's still not right or anything to be sent to prison for something I didn't do. For the rest of my life I have to live with the fact that I'm a convicted rapist. That won't allow me to go to certain countries. I don't think that's right because I don't deserve that stigma.

When you became the most famous boxer on the planet, were you equipped to handle the success, the money that came with it?

I was just a little boy. I was just too young. I didn't understand life. I was 19-20 years old and I was the best fighter on the

On reading his own book

"I'm listening to it right now on audio form. Sometimes I fast forward the parts that are more difficult for me."

Ex-boxer Mike Tyson

planet. All I knew how to do was to live in the streets and fight. Now I know how to live life. When you're a young person you think it's cool to be so successful but your intellect hasn't reached the level of your success.

When you come from a difficult background it must be overwhelming to be

thrown into that world?

Yes, but that's OK because I'm really proud of where I'm from. And I'm really proud to have been a protegee of Cus D'Amato. I wouldn't have wanted anything different. If I wouldn't have been his protegee, I wouldn't have wanted to be successful.

I read a quote where you

compared your life to Edith Piaf. How are you similar to the French singer?

We were both raised in difficult environments. And we both rose to the top. She was magnificent. People took advantage of her. Everything that she ever loved was taken away from her.

How much of the image of

the tough guy, the intimidating boxer, was the real you during your career?

I don't know. It was certainly a part of me. I loved it implicitly.

Do you miss your life as a boxer?

Not at all. At least I think I don't miss it. I don't really think about it, except when I'm asked about it.



Mike Tyson cradles his two-month-old son Miguel in his arms after losing the 2002 heavyweight title fight to Lennox Lewis. CONTRIBUTED

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Is Foxx in Cruise control mode by keeping Katie a secret?

Jamie Foxx and Katie Holmes can't seem to dodge rumours that they're secretly an item.

According to Page Six, Foxx and Holmes have been seeing each other since last summer but are keeping the romance hush-hush out



Jamie Foxx

of respect for Holmes' ex-husband, Tom Cruise. "Jamie is being careful because he has a lot of respect for Tom," a source says. When rumours first circulated about the pair last August, Foxx vehemently denied them.



Justin Bieber ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Flight crew give their side of Bieber's high flying

More details are emerging about Justin Bieber's hot-boxed flight into the New York area for the Super Bowl last week. According to an official report obtained by NBC News, Bieber and his entourage smoked so much marijuana on the plane that the flight crew donned oxygen masks to avoid inhaling any.

"The captain of the flight stated that he warned the passengers, including Bieber, on several occasions to stop smoking marijuana," the report states. "The captain also

stated he needed to request that the passengers stop their harassing behaviour toward the flight attendant and after several warnings asked the flight attendant to stay with him near the cockpit to avoid any further abuse. The flight attendant stated the passengers, including Bieber and his father Jeremy Bieber, were extremely abusive verbally."

The flight was met by authorities who searched the plane but found no unsmoked marijuana. No members of the flight crew filed charges against Bieber or his friends.

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The Word



Sorkin delivers candid opinion on Hoffman death

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Philip Seymour Hoffman and writer Aaron Sorkin worked together only once, on Sorkin's film Charlie Wilson's War. But they had an important thing in common: They were both recovering addicts.

In the wake of Hoffman's death, the Newsroom creator is sharing some of his conversations with him. In an obituary for Time, he writes that

Hoffman told him, "If one of us dies of an overdose, probably 10 people who were about to won't." In other words, Sorkin writes, the death of a famous addict might scare a few other people on the edge into getting clean, and that's why, he says, it's important to be clear that Hoffman didn't die because he did heroin wrong, but because he did it at all.

"(Hoffman) did not die from an overdose of heroin — he died from heroin. We should stop implying that if he'd just taken the proper amount then everything would have been fine.

"He didn't die because he was partying too hard or because he was depressed," he added, "He died because he was an addict.



Gwyneth Paltrow

Vanity Fair offers Paltrow an olive branch despite their ongoing feud

This should be interesting.

Despite the feud between Gwyneth Paltrow and Vanity Fair, during which she reportedly instructed A-list friends to not work with the magazine or attend its events because of its planned "epic take-down" of her, editor Graydon Carter has included Paltrow on the invite list for its annual Oscar party, according to E! News. Whether or not she

attends, however, is yet to be seen.

Carter did divulge, though, that rumours of plans for a counter-party were apparently fabricated. "There were reports that she was trying to scuttle our annual Oscar party, that she was going to organize a competing dinner," Carter says. "The Paltrow camp subsequently denied both claims."

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Pinot Gris vs. Pinot Grigio



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Here's a question I was asked this week: Why do some vineyards call their wines Pinot Gris while others use Pinot Grigio?

Well, the white grape is French so Pinot Gris is its original name. Italy grows a clone of Pinot Gris that they call Pinot Grigio, well, because they're Italian, and which is lighter and crisper than the French versions.

Lots of other countries grow Pinot Gris and deciding on how to spell it is a combination of flavour profile and marketing savvy. Some feel Gris sounds more sophisticated. Others produce a richer wine that they think compares to a French Pinot Gris so go with that spelling.

Since the popularity of Pinot Grigio is undeniable (which translates to profitable) the majority of countries who grow Gris choose to use it.

South Africa's Two Oceans 2013 Pinot Grigio (\$10.25 - \$11.29) is a great example. Clean, bright

and relaxed, it pays enough homage to its Italian cousins to make it more than worthy of the name.

Try with mussels, white fish, chicken, vegetable dishes and semi-soft cheeses. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



Skip tired steak rub and opt for Asian influence

Pan Seared Flank Steak and Daikon Slaw. Dress up the classic cut of meat

Start by marinating the flank steak in five-spice powder, rice vinegar and soy sauce. Then while the steak is absorbing all those rich flavours, grate a daikon radish (they resemble giant white carrots, but have a mild peppery bite) and toss it with grated fresh ginger, scallions and red bell pepper for a simple slaw with just enough assertiveness to cut through the savory heft of the steak.

If you want to keep this dish lean, serve it over brown rice. But if you are willing to embrace carbs, try it on a bun.

1. In zip-close plastic bag, mix black pepper, five-spice powder, red pepper flakes, 3 tablespoons of the vinegar and soy sauce. Add flank steak, seal bag,

Ingredients

- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 tsp five-spice powder
- 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes
- 4 1/2 tbsp rice vinegar, divided
- 2 tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 lb flank steak
- 1 cup shredded daikon radish, patted dry with paper towels
- 1 red bell pepper, cored and sliced into thin matchsticks
- 1 1/2 tsp grated fresh ginger
- Pinch of salt
- 4 scallions, thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp canola or vegetable oil



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

then turn to coat evenly. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 2 hours.

2. Meanwhile, in bowl, stir together the daikon radish, bell pepper, ginger, salt, the remain-

ing 1 1/2 tablespoons of vinegar and the scallions. Set aside.

3. When you are ready to cook the steak, in a large skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the steak and sear for 4 minutes

per side, or until desired doneness. Allow the steak to rest on a cutting board for 8 minutes. Slice the steak thinly across the grain, then serve with the slaw.

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An almost no-bake cheesecake

1. Heat oven to 350 F (180 C). Spray bottom of 9-inch (23 cm) pie plate with non-stick spray.

2. Combine crust ingredients and firmly press onto bottom and up sides of pie plate. Bake 8 minutes. Cool on wire rack.

3. In small microwavable measuring cup, add water and gelatin; stir and let stand two minutes until gelatin expanded and solidified. Microwave on High power 30 to 40 seconds to turn gelatin back to a liquid.

Ingredients

Crust

- 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) margarine or butter, melted

Filling

- 3 tbsp (45 ml) cold water

- 1 pkg (7 g) unflavoured gelatin
- 1 pkg (250 g) light cream cheese softened
- 1 tub (500 grams) Yoplait Yopa! Greek Yogurt - Oh La La! Strawberry Cheesecake
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) finely

chopped strawberries (optional)

Topping

- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) quartered strawberries
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) granulated sugar

4. In bowl, beat cream cheese on medium until fluffy. Add yogurt, gelatin and chopped strawberries; beat until smooth,

then pour into baked crust. Refrigerate at least 3 hours.

5. Prepare strawberry topping

by sprinkling sliced strawberries with sugar; let stand 10 minutes.

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This recipe serves eight.

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Ben Scrivens stops a shot by the Rangers' Carl Hagelin during the third period on Thursday in New York. The Oilers won 2-1. FRANK FRANKLIN II/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scrivens weathers the storm in New York City

NHL. Goalie's 35 saves, Yakupov's 11th goal help Edmonton grind out a victory

Not much has gone right for the Edmonton Oilers and Nail Yakupov in a season where much was expected.

The first pick in the 2012 draft showed a glimpse Thursday night of why there was optimism in Edmonton before the season.

Yakupov scored with 1:38 left in regulation to give the

On Thursday

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Oilers a 2-1 win over the New York Rangers.

Ryan Smyth also scored for Edmonton, which is 5-5 in its last 10. Ben Scrivens made 35 saves.

"Finally we get rewarded," Oilers coach Dallas Eakins

said.

New York's season-high four-game winning streak came to an end. Derick Brassard scored and Cam Talbot made 29 saves.

"I don't think it was consistent enough," Rangers right-winger Ryan Callahan said of his team's play. "We need to have more of a consistent 60 minutes to get the win."

"I don't think we were getting pucks deep quite enough. They're a good transition team with a lot of speed. We were a little sloppy through the neutral zone and when you do that against a team like that it

will cost you."

New York's sloppiness came at a most opportune time for the Oilers. Yakupov one-timed a feed from Sam Gagner past Talbot for the game-winning goal.

"It was a good play by our guys down low to protect the puck," Yakupov said. "A great change by (Jordan Eberle). All I had to do was find space in the middle because I saw the two guys behind. I just had to find a spot. I think that was our top game this season. We need to do it to have a good time before the break."

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Accommodations

Ovechkin defends Games' host city

Alex Ovechkin wants Sochi's critics to knock it off.

The Russian Olympian and face of the Games told reporters at the Washington Capitals' morning skate Thursday that people were going out of their way to find faults.

"I've been in three Olympic Games. And I remember Torino and Vancouver and nobody said about something bad in Vancouver or Torino," Ovechkin said in Arlington, Va. "And why you guys always have something, try to find some bad things in Sochi ..."

"Enjoy it and don't, like, find, like, bad stuff out there. Everything, like, in Torino we lived where construction was and nobody say about that."

Most of the problems documented in Sochi this week have had to do with hotels for visiting media members not being finished and problems like no hot water and light bulbs in rooms. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hockey

Swedes down a Sedin for Sochi

Vancouver Canucks star Henrik Sedin is skipping the Sochi Winter Games.

In a statement issued by the Canucks Thursday, Sedin said he's physically unable to play for Sweden.

"I'm disappointed not to be physically able to represent my country at the Winter Olympic Games," Sedin said. "This is a difficult decision but ultimately the best decision for me personally, Team Sweden and the Vancouver Canucks." THE CANADIAN PRESS

St. Louis to fill in for Stamkos in Sochi



38-year-old Martin St. Louis was named to Team Canada after the recent withdrawal of teammate Steven Stamkos. SCOTT ISKOWITZ/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Martin St. Louis is going to represent his country at the Winter Olympics after all.

Hockey Canada announced today that the 38-year-old Tampa Bay forward will replace injured Lightning teammate Steven Stamkos on Canada's men's hockey team at the Sochi Olympics.

"I heard from Stammer that he wasn't going to go, so I knew it was a possibility," St. Louis told reporters in Tampa on Thursday. "So I guess I was prepared for it."

St. Louis said he felt bad for

Staying productive

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Martin St. Louis is having a strong campaign in 2013-14 with 54 points (25 goals, 29 assists) in 56 games, good for 11th in the league. He led the league last season.

Stamkos, who tried hard to come back from a broken right tibia he suffered in a Nov. 11 NHL game before being ruled out of Olympic competition by the Lightning's medical staff

on Wednesday.

"Obviously he's disappointed and I'm disappointed for him. Stammer's a true professional and he's done everything he can this past month to get back to the lightning first and hopefully to Team Canada."

St. Louis was considered one of Canada's most surprising snubs when Canada's team was first announced, along with Philadelphia forward Claude Giroux and Pittsburgh forward James Neal.

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Mark McMorris takes a jump during men's slopestyle qualifying at Rosa Khutor Extreme Park on Thursday in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia. SERGEI GRITS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Bummed': Work ahead for McMorris

Slopestyle. Canadian gold-medal favourite taken aback by judges' low marks in qualifying

Mark McMorris looked up at the scoreboard at Rosa Khutor Extreme Park on Thursday, shook his head and then voiced his displeasure.

The Canadian snowboarding star thought he had nailed his second run in the men's slopestyle qualifying round at the Sochi Olympics. The judges didn't agree and now the Regina native has to go through the semifinal round in order to advance to Saturday's final.

Mark's rib

"It's hurting mentally right now more than anything. I didn't get the score I wanted."

Regina snowboarder Mark McMorris who broke his rib in a crash at the X Games two weeks ago.

"I was bummed because I really had no thought in my mind that I wasn't in there," McMorris said. "I thought for sure I was going to be in. So it's kind of like a shot to the heart."

The top four riders in each of the two heats advanced straight to Saturday's 12-man final. McMorris, who finished

seventh in his heat with 89.25 points, will compete in the semifinal earlier that day with 20 other riders who will be vying for the four remaining spots.

Reigning X Games champion Maxence Parrot of Bromont, Que., led the 29-man field with 97.50 points. Sebastien Toutant of L'Assomption, Que., also qualified for the final with a third-place finish in his heat (87.25).

Spencer O'Brien of Courtenay, B.C., reached the women's final with a third-place effort (82.75) while Jenna Blasman of Kitchener, Ont., was sixth in her heat (60.25) and will settle for a semifinal appearance.

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Freestyle skiing

Canadian ski sisters clinch spots in final

The Dufour-Lapointe sisters all have a spot in the women's moguls finals at the Sochi Olympics.

Defending champion Hannah Kearney of the United States cruised through qualifying on Thursday, posting a score of 23.05, well clear of Montreal's Chloe Dufour-



Justin Dufour-Lapointe
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Lapointe (22.64) for the top spot. Justine Dufour-Lapointe (22.28) took third and Maxime Dufour-Lapointe (20.88) finished eighth, assuring all three sisters a spot in the final.

All three sisters declined

to speak to the media after qualifying to concentrate on preparing for Saturday's final. Quebec City's Audrey Robichaud also qualified, placing ninth with a score of 20.61.

It's a return to Olympic competition for Robichaud, who qualified for the 2006 Turin Olympics at age 17 before missing out on the 2010 Vancouver Games.

She nearly missed out on these Games due to a knee injury. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WHAT CANADA DID

THURSDAY

SNOWBOARD

Men's Slopestyle Qualification - Heat 1: y-Sebastien Toutant, L'Assomption, Que., 3rd (87.25); x-Charles Reid, Mont-Tremblant, Que., 9th (75.50); **Heat 2:** y-Maxence Parrot, Bromont, Que., 1st (97.50); x-Mark McMorris, Regina, 7th (89.25).

Ladies' Slopestyle Qualification - Heat 1: y-Spencer O'Brien, Courtenay, B.C., 3rd (82.75); **Heat 2:** x-Jenna Blasman, Kitchener, Ont., 6th (60.25).

y-advances to final; x-advances to semifinal

FREESTYLE SKIING

Ladies' Moguls Qualification - y-Chloe Dufour-Lapointe, Montreal, 2nd (22.64); y-Justine Dufour-Lapointe, Montreal, 3rd (22.28); y-Maxime Dufour-Lapointe, Montreal, 8th (20.88); y-Audrey Robichaud, Quebec City, 9th (20.61).

y-advances to final

FIGURE SKATING

Team Men Short Program - Patrick Chan, Toronto, 3rd (89.71).

Team Pairs Short Program - Meagan Duhamel, Lively, Ont., and Eric Radford, Balmertown, Ont., 2nd (73.10)

Men's Short Program
1. Yuzuru Hanyu, Japan, 97.98; 2. Evgeny Plushenko, Russia, 91.39; 3. Patrick Chan, Toronto, 89.71; 4. Yan Han, China, 85.52; 5. Florent Amodio, France, 79.93.

6. Peter Liebers, Germany, 79.61; 7. Jeremy Abbott, United States, 65.65; 8. Yakov Godorozha, Ukraine, 60.51; 9. Matthew Parr, Britain, 57.40; 10. Paul Bonifacio Parkinson, Italy, 53.94.

Pairs Short Program
1. Tatiana Volosozhar and Maxim Trankov, Russia, 83.79; 2. Meagan Duhamel, Lively, Ont., and Eric Radford, Balmertown, Ont., 73.10; 3. Peng Cheng and Zhang Hao, China, 71.01; 4. Stefania Bertone and Ondrej Hotarek, Italy, 70.31; 5. Marissa Castelli and Simon Sinapir, United States, 64.25.

6. Maylin Wende and Daniel Wende, Ger-

many, 60.82; 7. Vanessa James and Morgan Cipres, France, 57.45; 8. Narumi Takahashi and Ryuichi Kihara, Japan, 46.56; 9. Julia Lavrentieva and Yuri Rudyk, Ukraine, 46.34; 10. Stacey Kemp and David King, Britain, 44.70.

SNOWBOARD

At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia
Top 3 results from each Heat

QUALIFYING
(Start position in parentheses)

Heat One - Run One
1. (12) Peetu Piiroinen, Finland, 90.75; 2. (10) Chas Guldmond, United States, 86.00; 3. (5) Niklas Mattsson, Sweden, 82.75.

ALSO

5. (7) Sebastien Toutant, L'Assomption, Que., 74.25; 8. (3) Charles Reid, Mont-Tremblant, Que., 54.50.

Run 2

1. (8) Staale Sandbech, Norway, (45.25; 94.50) 94.50; 2. (7) Sebastien Toutant, L'Assomption, Que., (74.25; 87.25) 87.25; 3. (14) Jamie Nicholls, Britain, (62.25; 86.75) 86.75.

ALSO

7. (3) Charles Reid, Mont-Tremblant, Que., (54.50; 75.50) 75.50.

Heat 2 - Run 1

1. (6) Sven Thorgren, Sweden, 94.25; 2. (4) Maxence Parrot, Bromont, Que., 91.75; 3. (10) Clemens Schattschneider, Austria, 90.00.

ALSO

12. (9) Mark McMorris, Regina, 29.50.

Run 2

1. (4) Maxence Parrot, Bromont, Que., (91.75; 97.50) 97.50; 2. (3) Roope Tonteri, Finland, (33.75; 95.75) 95.75; 3. (1) Gjermund Braaten, Norway, (12.75; 91.25) 91.25.

ALSO

5. (9) Mark McMorris, Regina, (29.50; 89.25) 89.25.

Final Ranking

1. Maxence Parrot, Bromont, Que., (91.75; 97.50) 97.50 (QF); 1. Staale Sandbech, Norway, (45.25; 94.50) 94.50 (QF); 2. Roope Tonteri, Finland, (33.75; 95.75) 95.75 (QF); 2. Peetu Piiroinen, Finland, (90.75; 80.00) 90.75 (QF); 3. Sven Thorgren, Sweden, (94.25; 36.75) 94.25 (QF); 3. Sebastien Toutant, L'Assomption, Que., (74.25; 87.25) 87.25 (QF).

ALSO

7. Mark McMorris, Regina, (29.50; 89.25) 89.25 (QS); 9. Charles Reid, Mont-Tremblant, Que., (54.50; 75.50) 75.50 (QS).

WOMEN'S SLOPESTYLE

Top 5 results from each Heat

QUALIFYING

(Start position in parentheses)

Heat One

Run One
1. (11) Torah Bright, Australia, 85.25; 2. (4) Spencer O'Brien, Courtenay, B.C., 82.75; 3. (5) Isabel Derungs, Switzerland, 82.50.

Run 2

1. (5) Isabel Derungs, Switzerland, (82.50; 87.50) 87.50; 2. (11) Torah Bright, Australia, (85.25; 80.00) 80.00; 3. (6) Christy Prior, New Zealand, (67.50; 70.50) 70.50.

ALSO

4. (4) Spencer O'Brien, Courtenay, B.C., (82.75; 65.00) 65.00; 5. (7) Aimee Fuller, Britain, (44.50; 39.00) 39.00.

Heat 2

Run 1

1. (6) Jamie Anderson, United States, 93.50; 2. (2) Anna Gasser, Austria, 89.50; 3. (8) Elena Koenz, Switzerland, 86.25.

ALSO

5. (4) Jenna Blasman, Kitchener, Ont., 60.25.

Run 2

1. (2) Anna Gasser, Austria, (89.50; 95.50) 95.50; 2. (10) Karly Shorr, United States, (45.00; 84.75) 84.75; 3. (11) Jessika Jensen, United States, (34.00; 58.50) 58.50.

ALSO

4. (4) Jenna Blasman, Kitchener, Ont., (60.25; 51.50) 51.50; 5. (3) Silje Norendal, Norway, (31.00; 39.00) 39.00.

Final Ranking

1. Anna Gasser, Austria, (89.50; 95.50) 95.50 (QF); 1. Isabel Derungs, Switzerland, (82.50; 87.50) 87.50 (QF); 2. Jamie Anderson, United States, (93.50; 93.50) 93.50 (QF); 2. Torah Bright, Australia, (85.25; 80.00) 85.25 (QF); 3. Elena Koenz, Switzerland, (86.25; 38.00) 86.25 (QF); 3. Spencer O'Brien, Courtenay, B.C., (82.75; 65.00) 82.75 (QF).

ALSO

6. Jenna Blasman, Kitchener, Ont., (60.25; 51.50) 60.25 (QS).

FREESTYLE SKIING

At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia

WOMEN'S MOGULS QUALIFYING

Run 1

1. Hannah Kearney, United States, 23.05 (Q); 2. Chloe Dufour-Lapointe, Montreal, 22.64 (Q); 3. Justine Dufour-Lapointe, Montreal, 22.28 (Q); 4. Eliza Outtrim, United States, 21.51 (Q); 5. Perrine Laffont, France, 21.34 (Q).

ALSO

8. Maxime Dufour-Lapointe, Montreal, 20.88 (Q); 9. Audrey Robichaud, Quebec City, 20.61 (Q).

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Focus on what you desire more than anything and there is a great chance you will get it. Your mind is a powerful tool. If you use it to make a request, the universe will respond.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Do you carry on with a difficult task or do you end it and focus on something a bit easier? Only you can decide but it does seem a bit of a waste to give up on it so soon.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

The changes you make on the work front over the next few days will have huge effects over the coming months, so think carefully and, if there is any doubt, leave things as they are for the time being.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Whatever kind of news you receive over the next 24 hours, you are advised to keep an open mind. A couple of weeks from now, you will have more important issues to deal with. So, don't take what you hear now too seriously.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You need to make a decision about a partnership or relationship matter. If you don't, the issue will be taken out of your hands and other people will make the decision for you.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It's important that you don't let anxieties get the better of you, especially where your health is concerned. You tend to fear the worst for no good reason at this time of year but eventually your fears will fade.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Put the finishing touches on something creative, something that could bring you the recognition you feel you deserve. Even if it doesn't make you rich and famous, it will still be a job well done.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If you must get involved in a dispute between friends, make sure you are even-handed. If you give the impression that you favour one side more than the other, you will make things worse than if you had left it alone.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Change is good, change is positive, so whatever else you do today, don't fight the changes that come your way. You were designed by the cosmos try out new things.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If you want something enough, you'll find a way to get it but it may cost you a great deal of time and energy. You have to decide whether the sacrifice is worth it.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You have this feeling that if you don't act quickly, you'll miss out on something big. Maybe you're right, but is it really important? The planets urge you to focus on what you've already begun.

Pisces

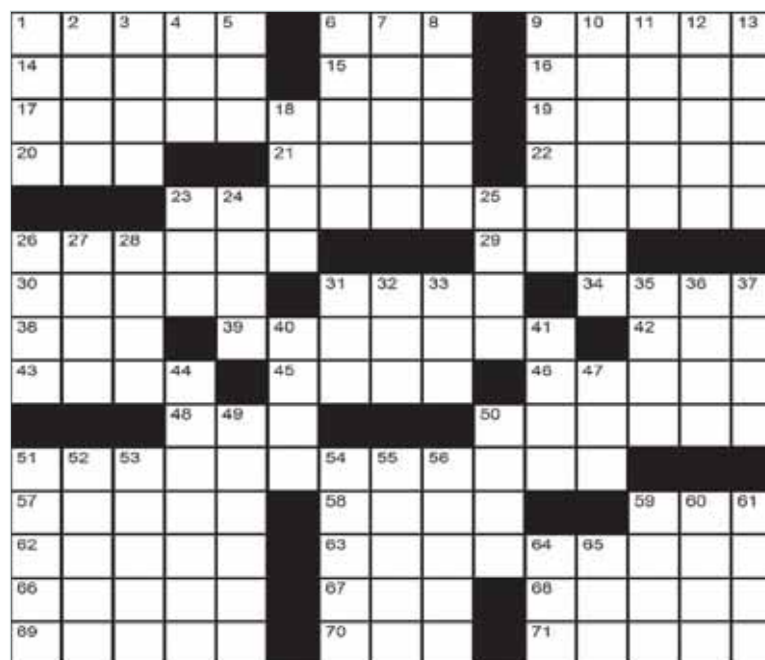
Feb. 20 - March 20

What society tells you is important and what your inner voice tells you is important are likely to be different. You should never go against your instincts. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Anton Chekhov play, Uncle ____
6. The ____i-Noor Diamond
9. Sedimentary rock
14. 'E' of TSE
15. ____ pro nobis (Pray for us, in Latin)
16. Carpentry joint, mortise and ____
17. "Reach for the Sky (____ Mix)" by Maestro Fresh Wes feat. Classified & Blue Rodeo
19. Grain fungus
20. Consumed
21. "Soap" surname
22. Awaken
23. February 7th, 2014 - Winter Olympics: Canada's flag-bearer at the Opening Ceremony, Hayley ____
26. Stick to
29. 'Opt' suffix
30. Radiance
31. Feudal system land
34. Jennifer of "Pride and Prejudice" (1995)
38. Long period
39. 1957: Russian satellite, ____ 1
42. ____ lamp
43. Field
45. Nullify
46. ____ spot on the team
48. Baking meas.
50. Cadbury treat,



- Crispy ____
51. Russian pianist/composer, b.1873 - d.1943 [var. sp.]
57. Spry
58. Organic compound
59. Discuss
62. Library item
63. St. Petersburg, Russia: The State ____ Museum

66. W. ____ Wilson (Canadian entrepreneur)
67. Hi-____ graphics
68. Jean-____ (Montreal metro station)
69. "Rawhide" role
70. City in Russia, Ulan-____
71. Thespian's home **Down**

1. Singer/songwriter Suzanne
2. Quite often: 2 wds.
3. Egypt's river
4. Greeted, Rocky-style
5. Cash dispenser, commonly
6. Imaging company
7. Pontificate
8. Guitarist, Eddie Van ____

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

25. Sound system sort
26. On the briny
27. Thunder god
28. Prong
31. Playfulness
32. "____ be nice if..."
33. Lanois' U2 co-producer
35. Hey-you're-in-my-way device
36. "The Mod Squad" role, ____ Hayes
37. "In the Valley of ____" (2007)
40. Insect stage
41. Sawing cut
44. Olympics competitor
47. Montreal musician, Melissa ____ der Maur
49. Extracts metal from ore
50. Musicals star Mr. Wilkinson
51. Dated past: 2 wds.
52. Ancient marketplace
53. Spotted cat-like mammal
54. Jacket type
55. Marvin Gaye/Tammi Terrell hit: "You're All ____ to Get By"
56. Scandinavian
59. Bash
60. Worked up
61. Singer, ____ King
64. Possessive pronoun
65. Ink-on-skin pic

Yesterday's Crossword

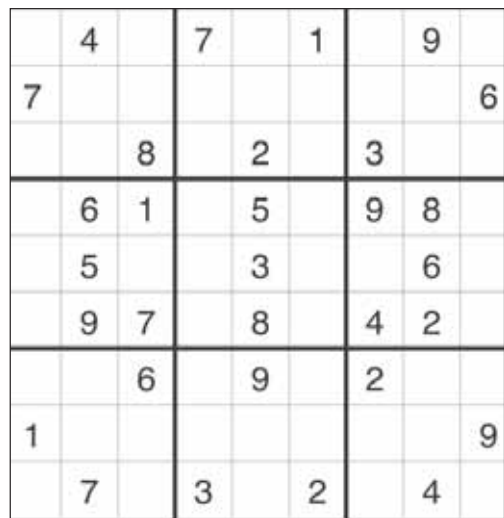
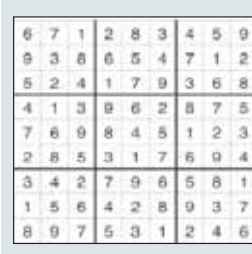


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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

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